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0001		1	080001		Tp, I & R OP (W) to DO, Neg rept.	
0002		2	080002		Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, "G" Co picked up one (1) PW. In process of changing reliefs took wrong rte. One of GI's stumbled over man who proved to be German. One German dead at same place.	
0002		3	080002		Tp, White George Five (222nd) to DO, Reports one (1) plane over W front at 121375. Dropped two (2) flares (white illuminous). Flares dropped approx 10,000 feet and lasted fifteen (15) to twenty (20) seconds.	
0100		4	080100		Tp, White George Five (222nd) to DO, At 0010 nine (9) flashes in E. At 0015 sixteen (16) flashes in E. At 0018 Tare 2 (rd blk) reports eight (8) flashes. At 0021 fifteen (15) flashes reported by Tare 2.	
0055		5	080055		Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, PW picked up by "G" Co was taken at 154371.	
		6			S-2 Report No 144 issued by 315th Inf on 7 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
0040		7	080040		Tp, Bingo Blue to DO, Recvd two (2) rnds of either 120mm mortar or 150 arty. Landed in town of Leterswiller.	
0100		8	080100		Tp, I & R OP (W) to DO, Neg rept.	
0100		9	080100		Tp, I & R OP (E) to DO, Neg rept.	
0110		10	080110		Tp, I & R OP (E) reports one (1) veh going N out of Ingolsheim with lights on.	
0130		11	080130		Tp, IPW to DO, PW taken by "G" Co did not know	

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		11	(Continued)		name of his regt. He was from 3rd Co of an Inf regt. They are not VG's. 3rd Co consists of 100 to 120 men. Came down with 1st and 3rd Co's. Came down by truck from Pirmasens. He was one of patrol of five men. Mission was to by-pass OPL and find out location and strength of our units. One member of patrol was killed, one captured and three (3) got away. A fire behind en front lines was to be guide to get back. (Town of Aschbach which was burning, and presumed to be fire referred to.) His Co took part in morning attack against 313th. His Co had no casualties. Older members of Co have reversible camoflaug suits. He did not have one. CO of Co is 1st Lt Reschke. Yesterday morning was first employment of Co. It took some American PW's. T They have several AT wpns which are tractor drawn. These guns are not in pos. He said some tnks took part in yesterday's atk but he did not know who they belonged to.	
0220		12	080220		Tp. Forage 5 to DO. Reports orange flares in vicinof Hoffen. At 0500 reconscreen will be put out.	
0230		13	080230		Tp. 2nd Bn to DO. Neg rept.	
0240		14	080240		Tp. DO to G-2. Given PW info.	
0300		15	080300		Tp. I & R OP (E) to DO. Neg rept.	

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0210		16	080210		Tp. I & R OP (E) to DO. Eight (8) rnds of arty landed on left flank which in sector of "L" Co of 222nd. Boom to Bam 24 secs. Believe coming from N of Wissembourg. Could not get az.	
0220		17	080220		Tp. I & R OP (E) to DO. Five (5) rifle shots on left flank 700 yds from the OP. Seemed friendly.	
0400		18	080400		Tp. I & R OP (E) to DO. Neg rept.	
0410		19	080410		Tp. Furnace White George reports four (4) orange flares dropped E of CP.	
0430		20	080430		P. TD's Cndg O reported to CP. TD's sent to 3rd Bn.	
0430		21	080430		Tp. 2nd Bn to DO. "G" Co reports two (2) white flares to their right.	
0530		22	080530		Tp. 1st Bn of 222nd to DO. Three (3) white flares, 15 min intervals.	
0530		23	080530		Tp. "B" Co of 222nd reports sounds of mtrs to SE.	
0315		24	080315		Tp. 222nd to DO. 2100 patrols--Patrol #1 ran into five-man en patrol trying to get to our lines. Germans shot up lot of flares. Patrol #2 reported two (2) en half-tracks knocked out by arty. Heard no sound of motors. Patrol moved verly slowly. Patrol #2 wassupposed to go out at 2100. Arty requested on Ingolsheim at that time so patrol did not goout. 3rd Bn did not send out patrols 3. 4	

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		24	(Continued)		and 5. 3rd Bn did not send out patrols at 0100.	
0100		25	080100		Tp. 222nd to DO. Patrol #2 crossed MLR. moved down in draw. fired on by burp gun. Noticed three (3) amber flares in vicin of Ingolsheim. MG fire on rt. Patrol was fired on and returned. At 0100 patrol #1 had not returned. At 0400 patrol #1 reported en patrol at 158402. En operating at 159398. In front of "B" Co. Seem to be laying mines or setting up booby traps. Patrol returned.	
0400		26	080400		Tp. 222nd to DO. Arty fire falling on "L" Co. Five rnds. two (2) over and two (2) short.	
1700		27	081700		Tp. 222nd to DO. 3rd Bn sent out patrols 3 and 4. No 3 patrol left OPL at 1700 from 128429. Sent to 128434. Returned at 2000. Rept neg. Patrol #4 left OPL at 1700. Left from 119438. Sent to 119441. Returned at 2000. Went over ridge and did not go any further.	
2015		28	082015		Tp. Blue Six of 222nd to Furnace 2. Estimated Bn of en in front of "L" Co sector. to left 500 yds in front of OPL. Digging in this side of Cleebourg. In same area twelve (12) to fifteen (15) arty pieces at 124448. Auto wpns dug in. muzzles defiladed. At 116445 MG's and mortars.	
0610		29	080610		Tp. 222nd to DO. Patrol sent out to Huspach.	

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		29	(Continued)		Got up to Hunsbach Farms. Spotted two (2) MG's in old emplacement. Went to other side of building and saw no other tnks around. Went out at 0500 and came back at 0600.	
0630		30	080630		Tp, Bingo Blue Six to DO. At 0610 "K" Co heard tnk movement. "L" Co having trbl with infil- tration btwn them and 242nd. Expect trbl with- in next two (2) hrs.	
0630		31	080630		Tp, DO to S-2, Given situation.	
0837		32	080837		Line to Forage in.	
0730		33	080730		Tp, S-2 222nd to S-2, Patrol went to edge of Ingolsheim. Heard no sounds of en activity. Came back checking former OPL. Did not go beyond Ingolsheim. Heard few veh N of Ingols- heim.	
0745		34	080745		Tp, S-2 of 222nd to S-2, 0500 Patrol #5 made no contact. Observed nothing. Got to coord 111457.	
0835		35	080835		Tp, 222nd to S-2, Patrol #3 came in at 0735. Neg rept. Went all the way. Patrol #4 came in at 0735. Ran into en rifle sqd at 122441. Got to 123448. Did return fire.	
0905		36	080905		Tp, 312th OP to S-2, Reports nine (9) tnks in grid square 1738 at 0845.	
0855		37	080855		Tp, S-2 of 222nd to S-3, Patrol #1 returned at 0800. Went prescribed rte. Drew no en fire and saw no en. Heard no movement of armor.	

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		38			Operations Instructions and overlay issued by CT-5 on 8 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
0910		39	080910		CO 315 and Asst S-2 left Regtl CP to visit 222nd CP, 2nd Bn 313th, 2nd Bn 315th and 242nd CP in that order.	
0940		40	080940		Tp, Forage 2 to S-2, All reports from CP's neg as of 0920.	
0944		41	080944		Tp, 2nd Bn (Capt Miller) to S-2, Patrol sent down to rt reached coords 176350. Neg rept. Still continuing on mission.	
0945		42	080945		Tp, S-2 off 222nd to S-2, At 0910 two (2) men seen moving S at 149408. Stayed there for 10 mins. Moved back before fire could be brought on them.	
1015		43	081015		Tp, Furnace 2 to S-2, Patrol #2 reported in at 0955. Pinned down by MG fire apparently coming from church in Ingolsheim. We putting arty on church. At Hunsbach building demolished last night. Believe in that town with radio equipment.	
1020		44	081020		Rad, I & R to DO, See exhibit . Neg report for 0900. Still no communication by 300 radio.	
1023		45	081023		Line to Blue in.	
1038		46	081038		Tp, 3rd Bn to S-2, All Co's of 3rd Bn in position. Engr tools have been delivered. Now digging in.	

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1055		47	081055		Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, Attack of en was an attempt at infiltration tactics. Verifies previous reports on en tnks and partial destruction of two (2).	
1104		48	081104		Tp, Forage 2 to S-2, Neg rept as of 1030.	
1108		49	081108		Tp, Forage 2 to S-2, Neg rept as of 1100.	
1107		50	081107		P, Capt Cordotta to S-3, D-7 dozers to be sent from Haguenau to Soultz be made avlbl to 3rd Bn 315th for digging in. Possible time of arrival--1200.	
1112		51	081112		CO 315 returned to Regtl CP.	
1130		52	081130		Rad, Furnace Red 2 to Furnace 2 frwd (signed 1120), At 1100 approx eight (8) snipers at 145418 firing on patrol. Patrol pinned down earlier by MG fire from Ingolsheim. Also at 1100 seven (7) rnds en med arty fell at 109363 132390.	
1155		53	081155		Tp, Furnace 2 to S-3, Two (2) en tnks reported at 155386 at 1150. TD's say they are out of AT ammo. Have twenty (20) mines and bazooka team in that area. Ask that we get somebody to do something for them.	
1203		54	081203		Tp, Furnace to S-2 Correction--In item 52 above seven (7) rnds of en med arty fell at 132390 instead of 109363 as reported.	
1213		55	081213		Tp, Cn Co to S-2, Report observer with 2nd Bn reports tnks seen in vicin of con 1240.	

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0900		56	080900		P. 904th FA to S-2, 15 men vic. 1336 fired on, four (4) casualties. 0930--30-40 men at 1137-4912 fired on, 15-20 casualties. Remainder went into Cleesbourg. 0937--White sedan 1336, stayed for a few min. and went back twd Riedseltz. 0940--Five (5) man patrol at 164-405. Patrol went into wds to SE and no longer obsvd. 0957--Friendly patrol in wds drew fire fr vic. church in Ingolsheim. Still firing at 1030. 1035--Six (6) men in RR Bldg. at 160432. 1100--Flashes fr one (1) Tk at 150413. Reptd by Air OP. 1145--Two (2) En Tks at 155384, action taken unknown. 1140--Med. on 1339. 60 men, 2 flax guns, 1 Command Car, caused explosion and casualties. 1150--Auto. fire 10454525. 1220--Air Corps working on Oberseebach.	
1030		57	081030		From 313th Inf. via. 2nd Bn.. En has been atk with forces of Plat. to Co. size at various points. Atks supported by Tks of which three (3) were destroyed by 312th FA. TD's have been firing at group in beer parlor at 1249.	
1100		58	081100		Tp. 2nd Bn to S-2, Combat Patrol has contacted Co. "G", 242nd Inf. at 179348, three (3) man post at bridge, pillbox at 186347 is manned and 3 or 4 man post at 184350. Patrol drew inaccurate MG fire fr 1249. Found no signs of reptd infiltration.	

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1130		59	081130		P. IPW to S-2, Co. "K", 222nd Inf. brought civilian woman who states that four (4) man German patrol came to Bremmelbach from Ingol-sheim, three (3) remained at bridge and one (1) came into town making inquiries as to our disp. distance to Maginot etc. Man left but returned because other three (3) had left. Man stayed till dawn and returned. Told woman his Co. (30 men) would occupy Bremmelbach tonight and secure it as LD for an atk three (3) Divs. early tomorrow. Trps would use today and to-night to go into final assembly areas. Man was not SS or Pz. and stated no SS trps were involved. Man wore GI shoes and gloves.	
	1145	60	081145		Tp. S-2 to TF, Div., 2nd Bn., 904th FA and 3rd Bn., Info in Msg. #59.	
		61			G-2 Periodic Report, Hq. 79th Div., 4 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
1330		62	081330		Tp. Asst. S-3, 222nd Inf. to S-2, Friendly planes dropped bombs on Cleeburg.	
1200		63	081200		Tp. S-2, 2nd Bn to S-2, 36 pris. taken vic. of Stundwiller. 65 more expected in. Were detruck- ed in Stundwiller at 0700 this morning. Miss- ion was to take Oberoedern which was consider- ed lightly held.	
1330		64	081330		Tp. Arty Ln-O (Capt. Maury) to S-2. The below listed entries are correcting entries for 0930, 1035 & 1145 (Msg. #56).	

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		64	(continued)	0930--30-40	men at 11374412. 1035--Six (6) men in RR Bldg. at 160402. 1145--Two (2) En Tks at 155384, action taken unknown - false rept.	
1400		65	081400	Tp, I & R to S-2, One (1) wagon moving twd Cleeburg, using main rd N out of town.		
1400		66	081400	Tp, S-2, 222nd Inf. to S-2, 50-75 En obsvd mov E along draw fr Ingolsheim at 140417.		
1425		67	081425	Tp, TD's to S-3, TD's rept three (3) En Tks reprd earlier by 222nd Inf. located SE of --- Hunspach are iden. as one (1) half-track, two (2) TD's (M-18) friendly. Unit to best of knowledge has not been fired on. Guns in rt section at 1405 KO'd one (1) En half-track at 170397, veh. is now burning. Guns have fired HE on small conc. of Inf.		
1500		68	081500	Rad, I & R to S-2, 8 to 10 men in a grp used rd N of Cleeburg to get into town.		
1215		69	081215	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, Cn. Co. obsr w/2nd Bn. repts several Tks seen at conc. 1240.		
1225		70	081225	Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, At 165383 are four (4) Mk IV Tks at 1125. Tks are stationary.		
1515		71	081515	Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, neg rept as of 1450.		
1525		72	081525	Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, At 1450 a Twin Eng Jet Prop. plane strafed Reimerswiller (1034), engaged by AA.		
1530		73	081530	Tp, CO, TD's to S-2, TD's fired on En ft trps vic. 170387 at 1200.		

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		73	(continued)		Obsr revealed 10 killed or wounded. 1400----	
					One (1) En half-track obsvd at 170387, engaged by fire by TD and destroyed.	
1550		74	081550		Switchboard, 1st Bn., 315th Inf. can now be reached.	
1600		75	081600		Rad, I & R to S-2, Both OP's neg.	
1615		76	081615		Tp, Forage to S-2, Neg rept.	
1735	(out)	77	081735		Tp, CO 315 to 3rd Bn, Instructed to withdraw at dusk into adjoining town. Will not go back on line except Regtl order.	
1657		78	081657		Tp, Furnace 2 to S-2, At Cleebourg patrol of 222nd got into W edge of town and received fire from town. Patrol w/drew to high ground W of town and are remaining there in observation. Time action occurred--1545. (Recvd at 1630)	
1700		79	081700		Rad, I & R to S-2, From OP #1 (Gegan) visibility of 800 yds. Neg rept. From OP #2 (Gibson) Visibility of 700 yds. Neg rept.	
1703		80	081703		Tp, Forage to S-2, Neg rept as of 1635.	
1730		81	081730		Tp, I & R OP to S-2, At 1720 three (3) rifle shots (German) in direction of Cleebourg. At 1725 exchange of rifle fire on main rd in front of Cleebourg.	
1758		82	081758		Tp, Forage to S-2, Neg rept as of 1745.	
1808		83	081808		Rad, I & R to S-2, Neg reports for both OP's as of 1800.	

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1815		84	081815		Tp. Furnace 3 to S-3. Furnace Blue Six reports that Bremmelbach has been searched and has been found all clear. Patrol in that area reported they picked up a sniper in town but have not yet returned to verify it.	
1830		85	081830		Rad. I & R OP #1 to S-2. Three (3) white flares vicin of Ingolsheim.	
1833		86	081833		Tp. Furnace 3 to S-3. Patrol verifies capture of sniper (See item 84 above)	
1906		87	081906		P. Maj Eason. CO 3rd Bn. arrived at Regtl CP.	
1930		88	081930		Rad. I & R to S-2. OP #1 reports white flare vicin of Ingolsheim. Mortar and heavy wpons fire also vicin of Ingolsheim. #2 OP reports btry of guns 1,500 yds to right of Rott on 40 deg az. Rifle shots from Cleebourg. One (1) gun on 65 deg az distance of 3,000 meters.	
1940		89	081940		Tp. Forage 2 to S-2. Neg rept as of 1930.	
1945		90	081945		Rad. I & R to S-2. At 1935 burp gun fire being rcvd from N of OP #1. Three (3) rnds of arty 1 landed in vicin of OP #1. Cannot locate guns.	
2004		91	082004		Rad. I & R to S-2. Both OP's neg as of 2000.	
2005		92	082005		P. G-2 to S-2. PW taken in 36th Engr. sector was member of 1st Bn. Res. Plat. atchd to 1st Co., 937th Regt., 245th VG. On day of American withdrawal (2 Jan.), Res. Plat. moved into Wissembourg (3 Jan.) at 0100 hrs., 8 Jan. Plat. left Wissembourg and marched via Rott (1247) to Cleeburg, where they joined 1st and 2nd Cos. 937th Regt.	

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		92	(continued)		At 0830 hrs, 8 Jan. Res. Plat. was ordered to make a local atk S of Cleeburg and they reached vic. 114442 without suffering any losses. PW claims OP at pt. they reached withdrew without firing a shot. Mission of 1st Co. to secure wds fr atk which should have been launched a few days ago by 21st Pz. Mission at 081000 PW and M/Sgt. were ordered to establish contact with units in Cleeburg. PW -- heard elements of Inf. Regt. Hartz (Trench warfare combat team) holding Climbach. Strength 1st Co., four (4) Plats. Total strength 160, 16 MG's and considerable AT Rocket guns and Faust Patronin. PW saw AT guns and arty in vic. of 147493 on 4 Jan., also heard tracked vehs. moving through Wissembourg.	
		93			S-3 Report & Overlay, Hq. 315th Inf., 8 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
2100		94	082100		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 & 2, neg rept.	
	2115	95	082115		Tp, S-3 to 2nd & 3rd Bns., 2nd and 3rd Bns. instrd to prep. to move to position anytime after 090630.	
		96			Tp, 222nd to S-3, Repts daisy chain at 135339.	
2210		97	082210		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 & 2, neg rept.	
2215		98	082215		Tp, IPW to S-2, PW fr 1st Co., 192nd Regt. Co. 40 to 60 strong. Thru Wissembourg to Riedseltz two (2) days ago only other unit there was a Pioneer Plat.	

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		98	(continued)		Continued to Ingolsheim and then on patrol. (2nd Co. stronger) His Co. only unit there. When coming thru Wissembourg 6 to 7 - 150 mtrz went thru and night before last saw En parked on rd to Rott. Had been issued new GI Combat coat and A GI shirt, issued in Pirnasens.	
	2245	99	082245		Tp, S-2 to G-2, 14 Armd, 2nd & 3rd Bns., Info in Msg. #98.	
	2255	100	082255		Rad, S-2 to I & R, Story fr woman proved false.	
2300		101	082300		Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, neg rept.	
2300		102	082300		Rad, I & R to S-2, neg rept.	
2340		103	082340		Tp, 222nd Inf. to DO, 2325--Fire started in Cleebourg by arty.	
2345		104	082345		Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, Repts S/A and Auto. fire vic. Soultz.	

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0010		1	090010		Tp, 222nd Inf. to DO, Ren unit had not returned yet w/rept on Daisy Chain.	
0010		2	090010		Rad, I & R to DO, OP #1 & 2, neg rept. Fire started in vic. Steinseltz.	
0030		3	090030		Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, "F" Co. repts yellow flare betn them and Bn. CP.	
0035		4	090035		Tp, 313th, 3rd Bn. to DO, Repts considerable harassing arty fire.	
0045		5	090045		Tp, 242nd Inf. to DO, Two (2) Officers checked rd Kuhlendorf to Niederbetschdorf. Could not drive jeep all the way but drove down about 500 yds fr N and up about 500 yds fr the S. They walk the distance that they could not drive with the jeep. The above party found no mines.	
0045		6	090045		Tp, Asst. S-3, 222nd Inf. to DO, 1st Bn., 222 repts three (3) bursts WP on right flank OP, about 500 yds N along RR track. S/A firing heard, believed friendly patrol.	
0100		7	090100		Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, neg rept.	
0135		8	090135		Tp, S-2, 222nd Inf. to DO, Rept on "B" Co. 2100 Patrol #2. Patrol had mission of going to RR station and capt. PW. Departed at 2215, returned at 0050. Patrol went to Bldgs. at RR station at 160403. Bldgs. had been demolished by arty fire. Found two (2) En there. S/A fire exchanged, two (2) En escaped. Believe they were En OP or Listening Post.	

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0210		9	090210	Rad. I & R to DO,	neg rept.	
0245		10	090245	Tp. 3rd Bn to DO,	neg rept.	
0302		11	090302	Tp. S-2, 222nd Inf. to DO, 1st Bn. - "A" & "B" Co's quiet, "C" Co. repts two (2) men returned fr Ingolsheim Combat Patrol, three (3) men still out. The two (2) men reptd were pinned down by MG fire on edge of wds at 135420. This MG fire was confirmed by OP. Flares throughout the night reptd by All Co's.		
0303		12	090303	Tp. 2nd Bn to DO,	neg rept.	
0325		13	090325	Tp. 222nd Inf. to DO, Patrol #4,	neg rept.	
0300		14	090300	Tp. I & R to DO, OP #1 & 2,	neg rept.	
0410		15	090410	Rad. I & R to DO, OP #1 & 2,	neg rept.	
0415		16	090415	Tp. 222nd Inf. to DO, Patrol #1 at 0400 obsvd a few rds of En arty falling S of RR near MLR believed 88mm. OP repts one (1) rifle shot, burst of MG and other S/A fire. Three (3) men still lost fr 2100. Patrol #3.		
0500		17	090500	Tp. 3rd Bn., 313th Inf. to DO, Repts all quiet.		
0502		18	090502	Tp. 2nd Bn to DO,	neg rept.	
0505		19	090505	Tp. 222nd Inf. to DO, 0300 Patrol still out, Three (3) men have not returned as yet.		
0517		20	090517	Tp. 3rd Bn to DO,	neg rept.	
0520		21	090520	Rad. I & R to DO,	neg rept.	
0523		22	090523	Tp. 3rd Bn., 313th Inf. to DO, Atk on the right front, Inf. no armor reptd..Left front 242nd Inf. also hit.		

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In	Out					
	0524	23	090524	Tp, DO to	904th FA, Given brief notes on Atk.	
	0527	24	090527	Tp, DO to	G-3, Notified of Ctr-atk on 3rd Bn.	
					313th Inf.	
	0532	25	090532	P, DO to Gen. Wahl	TF Cmdr., Notified of Ctr-atk.	
0535		26	090535	Tp, 3rd Bn., 313th Inf.	to DO, Planning arty and mortar fire.	
	0538	27	090538	Tp, DO to 2nd Bn.,	2nd Bn. alerted.	
	0540	28	090540	Tp, DO to 3rd Bn.,	3rd Bn. alerted.	
0515		29	090515	Tp, 222nd Inf. to DO,	Patrol #5, neg rept.	
				Three (3)	mentioned in past repts have returned.	
	0630	30	090630	Msg. C., S-2 to All Units,	Password as follows:	
				091200 to 101200,	Cafe - Corsage, 101200 to 111200,	
					Serviette - Po.	
0700		31	090700	Tp, 2nd Bn to DO,	neg rept.	
0700		32	090700	Rad, I & R to DO,	neg rept.	
0745		33	090745	Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-2,	0720--Intense S/A and arty fire at 182342.	
		34		Situation Overlay, Lt. Woeltjen,	8 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		35		Overlay fr capt. map taken fr En	dead approx 6 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		36		Situation Overlay, Hq. 645th TD Bn.,	6 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		37		Situation Overlay, Hq. 79th Div.	(see exb)	
0810		38	090810	Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 & 2,	neg rept.	

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0820		39	090820		Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, Hatten being atkd fr N and NW. Two (2) pillboxes taken by En. Civilians repts firing on our trps. En at edge of Hatten at 0800.	
0830		40	090830		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #2 repts two (2) men in observation at 114442. They are dressed in white capes and digging in.	
0825		41	090825		Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-3, Request that units vic. Hatten be notified his Tks would be moved to ready position in the rear of Hatten. 242nd notified.	
0900		42	090900		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 - Repts two (2) men moving W fr Ingolsheim. OP #2 - neg rept.	
0900		43	090900		Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, neg rept.	
0915		44	090915		P, TF Wahl to S-3, Several En Tks repts edge of wds E of Hatten. Arty notified by TF Wahl to engage Tks in that vic.	
0950		45	090950		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #2 at 0905--Two (2) men pulling sled into Cleebourg using N rd. 0930--One (1) strong pt. at 121449, at least six (6) men. 0935--Seven (7) men came fr 131461. Looks like a bunker. The men walked twd 134-465 and out of sight at that pt.	
		46			Reports of Capt. Fogarty Ln-O to XV Corps. (see exhibits)	
		47			G-2 Spot Reports, Hq. 79th Div. (see exhibits)	
		48			Notes fr Instructions of G-3 to Ln-O 315th Inf. (see exhibits)	

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In	Out					
		49			Short Digest of the Fueher's New Year Speech. (see exhibit)	
1000		50	091000		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1, two (2) men on post 400 yds NE of pt. 1318. OP #2, neg rept.	
1005		51	091005		Tp, Cn. Co. to S-2, Fr conc. 1214 at 0915, 12 to 15 rds fr 75's DF and 105 How. on az of 550 mils and 700 mils. Do not know which is which. Betn 0400 and 0600 - 20 to 25 rds, believed fr same direction.	
	1030	52	091030		Tp, S-2 to 904th FA, Info in Msg. #51.	
1018		53	091018		Tp, 222nd Inf. to S-2, 1st Bn., 222nd Inf. repts two (2) Command Cars obsvd on hill at 14304285. Command Cars stationary. Arty not- ified.	
1045		54	091045		Tp, Cn. Co. to S-2, 40 rds betn 1030-1045, 105 and 150's fell in Rittershoffen, az 550 mils, 9½ secs., vic. S of Oberseebach.	
1100		55	091100		Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, Repts one (1) Tk uniden. at 1773321035. Will re-ck.	
1100		56	091100		Tp, Div. Ln-O (Lt. James) to S-2, 0910--Atk fr E on Hatten w/7 Tks by 119th Regt., 25th Pz Gr. Div. Arty placed on Tks at 188335, one (1) burning and one (1) turned over. 17 PW's --- 14 fr 35th Regt. and 3 fr 119th Regt. Remain- ing snipers being driven fr Hatten..119th Regt in Trimbach last night, thru Niederroedern and then W. Two (2) pillboxes taken by En at 184- 335. Inf. was around box not inside. Germans	

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In	Out					
		56	(continued)		now withdrawing. Atk broken by arty.	
1130		57	091130		Rad. I & R to S-2, OP #1, four (4) men going in direction of Riedseltz fr Ingolsheim, along main rd. OP #2, one (1) man walking around at 120450. Looked like possible position. One (1) man walked S on rd at 124456 and then back N.	
1145		58	091145		Tp, Cn. Co. to S-2, 12-15 rds, 105 and 150's fell in Rittershoffen, 550 mls at 1140.	
1205		59	091205		Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, 1120--two (2) Armd vehs. sighted w/dismounted men at 169386, under huge shed.	
1215		60	091215		Tp, Cn. Co. to S-2, 12 more rds En. arty.	
1226		61	091226		Rad, Now out of communication with Gegan.	
1245		62	091245		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #2 reports at 1137 one (1) man pulling sled into Cleebourg on N rd. At 1140 two (2) men walking N over ridge from Cleebourg. At 1200 fifteen (15) rnds of mortar fire on 2nd bridge in front of OP. At 1215 S/A fire in wds NE of OP. Most of S/A fire sounds like German.	
1255		63	091255		Rad to S-2, OP line (#1) just been repaired.	
1300		64	091300		P, S-3 of Tsk Force to S-3, Three (3) tnks with flame throwers plus some inf attacking in front of "B" Co, 242nd. Also estimated 200 Inf atking vicin of Soufflenheim.	
1305		64	091305		Tp, CCA 14th Armd to S-2, Report tank previous-	

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		64	(Continued)		ly reported vicin of 190330 is an SP. At 170328 one (1) tnk which could be one of our TD's. One (1) TD vicin of 1245 reported abandoned. Harrassing fire vicin 1214. Falls every half hour. Mixed 105's and 81mm mortar. Of group of twelve (12) PW's observed only one (1) wore white cape.	
1300		65	091300		P, S-3 of Task Force to S-2, En atk on Hatten begun at 1230. Three (3) tnks and inf. Flame throwers reported on tanks.	
1315		66	091315		Tp, Furnace Six to S-3, Mortar and S/A fire on "L" Co sector of OPLR. Have been forced back. Now preparing to reestablish it. More details later.	
1321		67	091321		Rad, I & R to S-2, Reports from OP #1: At 1300 one (1) 2½ ton truck coming twd Ingolsheim. At 1310 staff car at Riedseltz at Con 1339. Report from OP #2: At 1300 ten (10) to twelve (12) rnds of mortar fire fell in Bremmelbach just W of town.	
1333		68	091333		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 reports at 1310 one (1) arty piece (presumably 88) truck-drawn going N just past 1339.	
1342		69	091342		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 reports staff car previously reported coming into Riedseltz is now in town (time 1310). At 1340 two (2) sedans and one (1) light truck coming into Riedseltz. OP #2 neg report as of 1340.	

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In	Out					
1330		70	091330		Tp. IPW to S-2. Eight (8) tnks came out of wds at 190320 going twd Hatten. Three (3) PW's taken. Unit--7th Co. 119th Regt. Strength 150 men. Consists of four (4) Bns of four (4) Co's. Each Co consists of three (3) rifle platoons and one (1) wpn plat. Approx 60 PW's taken in Hatten. Co CP at 221305. One (1) PW from 125 Mtrzd Ren Bn. Two (2) Co's of three (3) plats each. Fifty (50) V-wagons with each co. Two (2) plats in atk. One (1) plat had 28 men.	
	1315	71	091315		Rad, S-2 to I & R. Outpost line vicin of OP #2 driven back. Can you confirm.	
1358		72	091358		Tp. S-2 to CO 3rd Bn. Have troops and trucks ready to move on moments notice.	
1401		73	091401		Tp. S-2 to Maj King. Thirty-five (35) vehs consisting of sixteen (16) Mark IV tanks, nine (9) personnel carriers, and eight (8) half-tracks moving twd Hatten from 180324. Main body of tnks E of town. Our 2nd Bn plus one (1) Co of tnks and one (1) plat of TD's under command of Col Schriver sent to restore MLR. 3rd Bn alerted to move.	
1412		74	091412		Estimated twelve (12) P-47's over area.	
1315		75	091315		Tp. Cn Co to S-3. Arty piece moving from Oberseebach to Trimbach. Veh painted.	
1315	(out)	76	091315		Tp. S-3 to 3rd Bn. Alerted 3rd Bn to be prepared to move vicinof Hatten.	

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In	Out					
1421		77	091421		Tp, S-2 to G-2, Twelve (estimated) P-47's over area headed in right direction. Air OP reports one (1) loneplane flying around over area and requests identification. Our Cn Co had one (1) gun knocked out.	
1330		78	091330		Tp, Forage to S-2, OP reports thirty-five (35) en vehicles including tnks moving twd Hatten from 180324. Time obsvd 1315.	
1330		79	091330		Tp, Forage to S-2, OP reports sixteen (16) tnks, nine (9) personnel carriers, eight (8) half-tracks composition of above vehicles.	✓
1400		80	091400		Town of Hatten 3/4 surrounded. Main body of tks east of town. (Rad from Arty)	
1401		81	091401		Tp, S-2 to 3rd Bn, Get tnks and trps ready to roll on minimum of notice. Given situation.	✓
1405		82	091405		Tp, G-3 to S-2, 242nd Cn Co under direct fire of tank. Preparing to displace. G-3 given situation.	
1410		83	091410		Tp, 904th to S-2, Arty Ln-O 2 reports lot of activity on rd W of Riedseltz. AT gun vicin 1339. Ln plane fired on by AA, location unknown, cal believed 40mm.	
1415		84	091415		Tp, S-2 to G-2, Request air on Riedseltz. Told air had been requested for Hatten.	
1425		85	091425		Bismarck Green disconnected wire commo at 1420.	
1430		86	091430		Tp, S-2 to Capt Cordotta, "C" Co 304th Engrs told to return D-7 dozer to Bn control. Dozer has been working on 3rd Bn TD positions.	

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1435		87	091435		Rad. S-2 to I & R. Fifteen (15) tnks reported moving to 1214 from NE. Can you confirm.	
1415		88	091415		Tp. S-3 to AT Co. Send two (2) platoons of AT's from Soultz to Niederbetsdorf.	
1415		89	091415		Tp. S-3 to 3rd Bn. Instructed to move to Leiferswiller. CO told to report to Bingo Blue CP for contact with task force headquarters.	
1440		90	091440		Tp. Forage 2 to S-3. Reports arty firing at 165308. Firing at tnks. At 1435 five (5) tnks moved up to 170331. Ten (10) tnks at 169350.	
1435		91	091435		Tp. CCA to S-2. Ten (10) tks moving SW at 169350 at 1409. 14th Armd unable to locate flame throwing tks. Still reconnoitering.	
1438		92	091438		Tp. CCA to S-2. Fifteen (15) tks at 165345 apparently moving twd Rittershoffen at 1427.	
1438		93	091438		Tp. Furnace to S-2. Reports vehs and trps on rd between Riedseltz and Ingolsheim. Several towed AT guns fired on by our arty.	
1455		94	091455		(Intercept from Col Schriver's radio) Fifteen (15) tnks reported moving twd 1214 (see item 87 above) are friendly tanks.	
1450		95	091450		Tp. Forage 2 to S-3. Estimated Co of inf in front of "L" Go 222nd Inf in Grossenwald woods. Arty placed on them.	
1500		96	091500		Rad. I & R to S-2. OP's #1 & #2 report neg.	
1505		97	091505		Tp. TF Wahl to S-3 222nd. Informed eight (8) en tnks destroyed in Hatten area. Situation	

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		97	(Continued)		coming under control. Told to watch their sector carefully and have outposts offer resistance instead of falling back and disc-	
					closing MLR to patrols.	
1515		98	091515		Tp, Forage 5 to S-2, Tnks at 169350 reported pulling back to E at 1450.	
1515		99	091515		From 2nd Bn via Arty via C/S, Request one (1) Co of Inf to occupy area just vacated (told 3rd Bn on way there now). Told nine (9) friend-	✓
					ly tanks with Inf reported E of Rittershoffen.	
1516		100	091516		Tp, Forage 2 to S-2, OP reports seven (7) en-	
					tnks now burning at 165330 at 1500.	
1518		101	091518		Bingo Blue line is out.	
1515		102	091515		Rad, I & R to S-2, People you inquired about	
					are now back in position.	
1518		103	091518		Tp, 3rd Bn to S-3, 3rd Bn hit IP at 1515.	
1520		104	091520		Tp, S-2 222nd to S-2, Veh reported going into	
					Ingolsheim was en staff car.	
1530		105	091530		P, Lt Taylor to S-3, Remaining two (2) platoons	
					of Co "B", 827 TD's, now on way to Oberbetz-	
					dorf.	
1543		105	091543		Tp, Asst S-3 to Maj Hoover, Have Med tnks	
					pursue en tnks with proper inf support as far	
					as old MLR. Be careful of AT traps.	
1546		106	091546		P, Cn Co CO to S-3, Cn Co displaced to new	
					area at 14573455.	

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In	Out					
1603		107	091603		Tp, GCA, 14th Armd to S-2, Six (6) rds arty (presumably 88) fell at 164337. Came from E. Thought to be about 700 meters E of Hoffen. Time - 1550.	
1615		108	091615		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 & 2, neg rept.	
1630		109	091630		Tp, 222nd Inf. to S-2, OP repts nine (9) rds 88 fire landed 164337. Gun position estimated to be 700 meters E of Hoffen.	
1645		110	091645		Tp, S-3 to CO, AT Co. Instrd to move one (1) Plat. to Rittershoffen to be atchd to the 2nd Bn. Move one (1) Plat. to Soultz. Plat. now in vic. Oberbetschdorf to be atchd to the 3rd Bn.	
1645		111	091645		Remainder of TD's arrived in Niederbetschdorf at 1615.	
1645		112	091645		Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, "A" Co., 48th Tk Bn. KO'd six (6) Tks.	
1645		113	091645		P, S-3 to Comm. O, Instrd to lay lateral line betn 3rd and 2nd Bns. and straight line to one of two Bns. to Niederbetschdorf.	
1715		114	091715		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 - Six (6) men entering Riedseltz. A fire near Conc. 1335. Mortar position 100 yds left of 332. OP #2 ---- Two (2) men located at 114442. Four (4) men laying wire going N fr Gleebourg.	
1740		115	091740		Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, Rcn Screen repts S/A fire falling vic. 145385.	

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1745		116	091745		Rad. I & R to S-2, OP #1 - Neg rept. OP #2 - Repts two (2) men dug in at 112454, to the left and behind Cleebourg.	
1805		117	091805		Tp. 904th FA to S-2, En. MG 11264493, OP 1600-3967, Auto Wpns 11324498, veh. 14994280, veh. 18104340, Inf. (sqd.) 11474173, One (1) Sqd. Inf. 11674534, MG 14134280, Auto Wpn. 12184395, Two (2) AT guns and one (1) Staff Car 15454542.	
1820		118	091820		Tp. CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, Neg rept.	
1830		119	091830		Tp. Co. "A", 813th TD's to S-2, Two (2) Command Cars KO'd, one (1) N of Ingolsheim and one (1) vic. 1242. One (1) half-track KO'd at 1242 yesterday. One (1) arty Btry 140450 - Time fired on by arty, still there at 1630. TD vic. 1323. Ten (10) rds in church at Ingolsheim.	
1850		120	091850		Tp. 2nd Bn to S-3, 2nd Bn. closed into Ritter-shoffen - 1630.	
1900		121	091900		Rad. I & R to S-2, OP #1 & 2, neg rept.	
1900		122	091900		Tp. S-3 to 3rd Bn., 313th Inf., Request location of trps - 180349 elements of that unit are at that location. Notified 904th FA not to fire in area.	
1915		123	091915		Rad. I & R to S-2, OP #1 - En threw four (4) WP shells, 500 yds left of OP #1. OP #2 - Three (3) lights (flashlights) were seen in the direction of Cleebourg.	
1920		124	091920		Rad. I & R to S-2, Repts two (2) white flares extreme right flank.	

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1927		125	091927	Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #2 - Repts mortar location 116442.		
1930		126	091930	Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, neg rept.		
1950		127	091950	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, 15 to 20 Germans (Patrol) to Rittershoffen fr SE taken by Tk fire. Otherwise no dismtd Inf. repta. Pillboxes taken in AM were held and Tks used them as pt of entry. 311th obsr. counted 35 to 36 veh., some arty fire at Kuhlendorf. None in Rittershoffen since 2nd Bn. arrived.		
2000		128	092000	Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 - Repts white flare vic. 410160. OP #2 - neg rept.		
2000		129	092000	Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, OP repts neg.		
2047		130	092047	Tp, Forage 2 to S-2, Neg rept as of 2040.		
2058		131	092058	Tp, IPW team with 242nd through Lt Kopfler to S-2. Tank unit used today was 5th Tk Bn organic to 25th Pz Gr Div. Consisted of three (3) Co's with ten (10) tks apiece. Committed works. Tks are Mark IV's. (G-2 notified.)		
2107		132	092107	Rad, I & R to S-2, OP's #1 & #2 neg as of 2100.		
2115		133	092115	Tp, 904th FA to S-2. Two (2) arty pieces moved, one from 1539 to E and one headed W but not same. Some AA twice shot at Ln planes. Considerable traffic from Riadseltz to Ingolsheim.		
2200		134	092200	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, Neg rept.		
2203		135	092203	Tp, Forage to S-2, Neg rept.		
2207		136	092207	Rad, I & R to S-2, Both OP's neg.		

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0010		1	100010		Tp, IPW to S-2, Repts that Div. CP in Schweigen, Regt's CP at Oberotterbach, Bn. CP S of Oberotterbach, CP 5th Bn. (Armd) at Schleithal as well as 25 wrecked veh. From 196322, 8 -- arty pieces due N. Officer PW says all the German Tks were Mk V.	
0025		2	100025		Tp, 222nd Inf. to DO, Repts 2400 Patrol, neg rept.	
0035		3	100035		Rad, I & R to DO, OP #1 - Repts nine (9) rds arty fell vic. RR track. 2315--One (1) white flare to left front. 2310--MG fire vic. RR track. 2315--Exchange of rifle fire vic. RR tracks. 0015--SP gun fired two (2) rds, 2 secs. Gun located at 10.85 - 47.00.	
0040		4	100040		P, Ln-O (Lt. Taylor) to DO, Returned w/Msg. to TF Wahl. Showing plan 2nd Bn & sit. 242nd.	
0050		5	100050		Tp, Maj. Hoover to DO, Given En capabilities fr S-2 Report. Ln-O (Lt. Taylor) to rejoin him at 100700. Lt. Taylor notified.	
0105		6	100105		Tp, S-3, 222nd Inf. to DO, OP #1 - Repts Tk by sound to left front vic. Cleebourg. Patrols will check for confirmation.	
0110		7	100110		Rad, I & R to DO, OP #1 & 2, neg rept.	
0125		8	100125		Tp, S-3, CCA, 14th Armd to DO, Repts 48th Tk Bn. was completely in both towns of obj. --- Occupation near almost the same as the original areas. One (1) Co. has moved back into the town fr which they would jump in the morning.	

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In	Out					
		8	(continued)		Arrived at 0045. In the early evening they found four (4) En. Tks S of Hatten, which were not burning but were damaged and the En was attempting to evacuate them. Tks were fired and were burning. Investigation in the morning will reveal number of En. crew dead.	
0130		9	100130		Tp, 222nd Inf. to DO. Repts grp of En. heard by 3rd Bn. OP at 123439 - 134434. 3rd Bn. Patrol is in that vic. will hold fire until patrol is located.	
0140		10	100140		Rad. I & R to DO, OP #1 - Repts one (1) half-track moving slowly on rd betn Riedseltz and Ingolsheim twd Ingolsheim. Requested fire on Conc. 40 and 1336.	
	0145	11	100145		Tp, DO to S-3, 222nd Inf., Request permission to fire Conc. 40 and 1336.	
0202		12	100202		Tp, S-3, 222nd Inf. to DO, Gave clearance to fire Conc. 40 and 1336. Repts 3rd Bn. has located patrol and is firing on En grp mentioned in Msg. #9 at 0130.	
0205		13	100205		Tp, 904th to DO, Requested to fire on 40 & 1336.	
0210		14	100210		Rad, DO to I & R, Notified of mission given to 904th.	
0220		15	100220		DO to Bingo, Asked situation and they report all quiet.	
0225		16	100225		Tp, DO to I & R, Notified of above. (Make msg Rad, not Tp)	

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In	Out					
0235		17	100235		Tp. 2nd Bn to DO, Reports TD's have replaced tanks on position E and S of Hatten. "F" & "G" Co are in W end of Hatten attempting to contact 242nd Inf so as to complete plan of extending 242nd flanks to left and right of town. Are receiving heavy fire from direct fire wpn.	
0250		18	100250		Tp. Furnace 2 to DO, Reports patrol to Ingolsheim departed at 2200, returned 0130. Results: Advanced to point 148416. Listened one hour. Only sound heard was a metal to metal sound as though a wrench were dropped against a vehicle hood. On return found commo wire leading into town. Wire was cut.	
0310		19	100310		Rad. I & R to DO, Both OP's report neg.	
0310		20	100310		Tp. Furnace 3 to DO, Reports patrol returned at 0230 from mission of blowing bridge at 162-403. Results: Patrol arrived at bridge and it was still out and had not been repaired as was believed. Patrol moved twd conc 1335 and heard enpatrol of approx three (3) men moving to N. Patrol saw vehicle moving on road running N & S into woods at 162410. Later a German C & R car came down the road, turned right and proceeded to bridge, then turned around and retraced its route into woods. Patrol returned to RR station at 159402. Heard en coughing so they set off 48 lbs of demolitions through	

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In	Out					
		20	(Continued)		white phosphorous and fragmentation grenades at the RR station. Received S/A fire from SW. Patrol withdrew without any PW. RR station is still burning. Another patrol moved from con 1093 to edge of woods 122439 up stream line twd Cleebourg. Made no contact with en but heard troops in Cleebourg and heard two (2) wheeled vehicles to the South of Cleebourg. Believed en has an OPL running parallel to rd 1085-1093 distance of 150 yds S.	
0410		21	100410		Rad, I & R to S-2, Both OP's neg.	
0420		22	100420		Tp, Maj Hoover to DO, Asked and was given situation.	
0445		23	100445		Tp, C/S to DO, Called and was given situation and activities during night.	
0500		24	100500		Rad, I & R to S-2, Report OP #1 neg. OP #2 reports one (1) or more planes overhead at 0425.	
0510		25	100510		Tp, 222nd DO to DO, Patrol left 2330. From Bremmelbach entered woods NE of Cleebourg at 124439. Found pillbox not occupied. Moved fifty (50) yards into woods. Remained some time as a listening post. Heard voices 200 yds to right front. Couldn't identify. Returned at 0315.	
0520		26	100520		Tp, Bishop 2 & 3 to DO, Called and was given situation and activities during night. Left message for Capt Holbrook, TF Wahl 3: There	

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In	Out					
		26	(Continued)		will be no further attachment of engineers. Engineers are now in support. Notify all concerned. Requested info on plat of TD's to go to 232nd Inf.	
0530	(out)	27	100530		Tp, DO to Fizz 3, Called re TD's to 232nd. Reported matter was not handled by them. Was under Fighter.	
0535	(out)	28	100535		Tp, DO to Fighter 3, Called re TD's to 232nd. Reported TD's should have left Soultz at 2400.	
0540		29	100540		Tp, 222nd DO to DO, Called and said tank activity S of Hunsbach during night was friendly (colored) TD plat which departed at 0330.	
0620		30	100620		Tp, Major Hoover to DO, Called and said TD's hadn't arrived. "G" Co patrol went to RR station in Hatten to contact TD. Patrol drew heavy MG fire. Half of patrol returned, half missing. A new patrol has been sent back. "F" Co patrol found three (3) tanks behind church MG at RR station. In north of town made contact with TD plat.	
0625		31	100625		Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, Called and reported same as above.	
0630		32	100630		White line out.	
0710		33	100710		Rad, I & R to DO, Both OP's report neg as of 0700.	
0744		34	100744		Tp, Forage to S-2, Neg rept as of 0740.	
		35			S-2 Report No 146 issued by 315th Inf on 9 Jan '45. See exhibit.	

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In	Out					
0800		36	100800		Rad. I & R to S-2. Neg rept as of 0800.	
	0823	37	100823		Rad. S-2 to I & R. Remain in place and continue present mission. Anticipate another 24 hours.	
0840		38	100840		P. TF Wahl G-2 to S-3. Estimated 200 en Inf attacked Hatten from E at 0810. Also undetermined no en Inf attacking Hatten from S at 0812.	
0910		39	100910		P. CCA Lno to S-2. Report 250 rads of 170mm fell in edge of Rittershoffen btwn 0700 and 0900. Came from direction of Hatten.	
0918		40	100918		Rad. I & R to S-2. OP #1 reports two (2) men left Ingolsheim going W at 0915. OP 200 yds S of Ingolsheim at cemetery.	
0930		41	100930		Tp. S-3 2nd Bn to S-3. "G" Co moving with tks S of RR S of Hatten. "F" Co moving through N part of town of Hatten cleaning it out. One (1) friendly TD knocked out.	
0943		42	100943		Tp. Forage to S-2. Neg rept as of 0940.	
0958		43	100958		Tp. TF Wahl to S-2. Two (2) ev tks at 190337. Arty fire placed on them. Believe direct hit on one (1).	
1003		44	101003		Rad. I & R to S-2. Both OP's neg rept as of 1000.	
1010		45	101010		Tp. S-2 to 222nd S-2. Gave patrol instructions for today and tonight.	
1020		46	101020		P. CCA Lno to S-2. En attking Hatten from NE	

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In	Out					
		46	(Continued)	with armor	Some en by-passing Hatten and going to Rittershoffen.	
1020		47	101020	Tp, Fondell	(48th Tk Bn) to S-3, Undetermined no of Inf and tanks attacking Hatten from N. Also btwn Hatten and Rittershoffen. Thought pretty well under control.	
1033		48	101033	Tp, S-2 222nd	to S-2, Two (2) day patrols already out.	
1036		49	101036	Rad, I & R	to S-2, OP #1 reports two (2) men left Ingolsheim going W at 1025. At 1030 two (2) men walking S into Cleebourg. OP #2 reports one man at op 114442.	
1040		50	101040	Tp, CO 2nd Bn	to S-3, Reported were some tnks N of Hatten but did not know how many. All indications were that tnks had been stopped but Inf still trying to infiltrate. "F" and "G" Co's in town and will not push frwd until town is cleared out.	
1045		51	101045	Tp, TF Wahl	G-3 notified Bingo to send patrol S of Oberroedern to investigate area for possible en infiltration.	
1100	(out)	52	101100	Tp, S-3 to 2nd Bn	Notified of friendly patrol going to v cin of Oberroedern.	
1105		53	101105	Rad, I & R	to S-2, Both OP's neg as of 1100.	
1115		54	101115	Tp, 904th FA	to S-2, Located active telegraph line btwn Munsbach and Ingolsheim. Further investigation being made.	

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1125		55	101125		Tp, S-2 222nd to S-2, Live wire from Ingols-heim to Hunsbach. Msgs being sent over it apparently in code.	
1131		56	101131		Tp, 3rd Bn to S-2, Thirty (30) rnds of flat traj fire into Hoffen. Shooting at bridge S of town.	
1133		57	1133		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 reports fifteen (15) rnds of mortar landed in vicin of OP.	
1135		58	101135		Tp, Forage 2 to S-2, E edge of Rittershoffen at 1110 was getting 170mm fire in salvos of three (3) every fifteen (15) seconds.	
1142		59	101142		Tp, Forage 2 to S-2, Five rounds of hvy mor- tar fire fell at 159334 at 1123.	
1130		60	101130		Line to Blue is out.	
1158		61	101158		Tp, S-2 222nd to S-2, Patrol sent back to RR station this morning to investigate results of explosives thrown into bldg by patrol last night captured one (1) PW there. He said he was one (1) of six (6) Germans in station when patrol threw 48 lbs of demolitions into bldg. Four (4) Germans were killed and another was wounded. The wounded German was still pinned under debris when patrol visited bldg this morning. PW reports station was an enemy outpost. PW is being interrogated by CIC and more complete report later.	
1203		62	101203		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #2 reports at 1145 one	

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In	Out					
		62	(Continued)		(1) command veh on rd running SW into Clee- bourg. At 1155 one man observing Sword's position. Location of man 114442. OP #1 neg.	
1230		63	101230		Switchboard, Direct line to Forage out.	
1240		64	101240		P, TF Wahl to S-3, 3rd Bn. alerted for plann- ed atk on Hatten w/2nd Bn.	
1250		65	101250		Switchboard, 3rd Bn. line in.	
1250		66	101250		Tp, 3rd Bn to S-2, En arty smoke is falling just S of Oberroedern betn Oberroedern and the stream.	
1300		67	101300		Switchboard, AT line out.	
		68			Order of the Day No. 1, Hq. 6th Army Group, 4 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		69			Daily Bulletin No. 4, Hq. 904th FA, 6 Jan 45 (see exhibit)	
1315		70	101315		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 - Mortar firing around OP #1. OP #2 - One (1) horse and wag- on going into Cleebourg. Repts two (2) men walking around on ridge.	
1325		71	101325		Switchboard, 222nd Inf. and AT lines in.	
		72			Summary of Operations, Hq. 645th TD Bn., 6 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		73			Adm O No. 40, Hq. 315th Inf., 8 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		74			Overlay fr Capt. Map taken fr En dead, 6 Jan 45. (see exhibit)	

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In	Out					
		75			IPW Report, Hq. 315th Inf., 6 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		76			Report of Capt. Fogarty Ln-O to XV Corps, 4 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		77			G-2 Spot Report, Hq. 79th Div., 7 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		78			G-2 Periodic Report, Hq. 79th Div., 6 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		79			G-2 Periodic Report, Hq. 79th Div., 8 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
1300		80	101300		Tp, Arty Ln-O 2 to S-2, Repts Jet Prop. plane overhead.	
1320		81	101320		Tp, IPW to S-2, Rept on pris. capt. at RR station in Hunspach - Oberseebach area. Pris. was manning OP at RR station. Fr the BG Von Lowen. Stated Schleithal consisted of 50 men. Pris. and the 50 men are used to run OP's in area. Pris. was at OP in town of Siegen, last house left hand side of town. Before coming to this BG was in 3rd Co., 481st Regt., 256th VG Div. At that time they were manning bunkers in the Westwall vic. Kapsweyer.	
1325		82	101325		Tp, Arty Ln-O 2 to S-2, New shell loaded with leaflets landed vic. OP. Exhibit later.	
1335		83	101335		Rad. I & R to S-2, OP #1 - Repts mortar at OP position on N edge of Ingolsheim.	
1335		84	101335		Tp, 222nd Inf. to S-2, Patrol dispatched to Ingolsheim at 1300.	

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		84	(continued)		As they approached the town the patrol was pinned down by mortar fire, no S/A fire. Fired arty into town to break observation, then pulled back and returned to lines.	
1345		85	101345		Live wire prev. reptd runs to dead end at Hunsbach.	
1345		86	101345		Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, "F" Co. reached vic. of church in Hatten. Reptd one (1) tiger Tk at church, are attempting to bring bazooka fire on Tk. Have put an abandoned U. S. TD in position and are manning it. En Inf. seen moving N twd Hatten.	
1345		87	101345		Tp, 3rd Bn., 313th Inf. to S-2, Smoke screen betn Leiterswiller and Rittershoffen is being moved to the W. Two (2) Jet Prop. planes flew over at approx. 1200.	
1345		88	101345		Switchboard, 222nd line in.	
1406		89	101406		Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, One (1) En Tk & En Inf. sighted 600 yds S of Hatten moving into position.	
1408		90	101408		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #2 - Repts SP gun at 125448 harassing OP #2. 904th FA notified.	
1430		91	101430		Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, Repts Jet. Prop. plane bombing and strafing Kulendorf.	
1430		92	101430		Tp, Cn. Co. to S-2, Repts two (2) bombs dropped in orchard on S tip of Kuhlendorf, E side of rd running S out of town. Blew windows out of Cn. Co. CP.	

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In	Out					
1435		93	101435		Tp. CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, neg rept fr OP's.	
1445		94	101445		Tp. CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, neg rept fr OP's.	
1450		95	101450		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 - Two (2) men left Ingolsheim going N, appear to be laying wire.	
1520		96	101520		Tp. CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, neg rept fr OP's.	
1550		97	101550		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 - 1450--Two (2) men camo. in white reptd going twd Ingolsheim.	
					1525--Auto fire on OP #1 right flank, distance unknown. OP #2 - neg rept.	
1600		98	101600		Tp. CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, Repts one (1) twin eng. plane flying W over Rittershoffen.	
1608		99	101608		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 reports air activity E of Gegan. Few rnds of mortar falling vicin of Gegan. Two (2) men observed going twd Ingolsheim. Appeared to be checking wire.	
					OP #2 neg.	
1608		100	101608		Tp. Forage to S-2, Neg rept as of 1600.	
1615		101	101615		Tp. S-2 (at Fuller CP) to Asst S-2, One twin-engine enemy plane, possibly jet propelled, strafed and bombed areas near Soultz and Kuhlendorf. Bombs may be delay action or may be rocket projectiles. Plane had appeared approx every half hour from just prior to 1200 to 1700.	
1628		102	101628		Line to White is out.	
1633		103	101633		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #2 reports at 1626 four (4) rnds smoke shells landed 2,000 yds NE of Gegan.	

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In	Out					
1630		104	101630	Tp, Forage to S-2, Neg rept.		
1635		105	101635	Bismarck White is out.		
1630		106	101630	Tp, IPW to S-2, Lt Kopfler reports eight (8) PW's from Trng Bn 33 are with TD Bn.		
1630		107	101630	Tp, Forage 2 to S-2, Reports eight (8) unidentified vehicles at 182325.		
1637		108	101637	Tp, Cn Co CO to S-2, Nebelwerfer fire coming in just N of Rittershoffen.		
1638		109	101638	Switchboard: Can get Bismarck White through Fuller White.		
1630		110	101630	Tp, 14th Armd to TF Wahl, En tnk knocked out by 48th Tk Bn at 173338.		
1610		111	101610	Tp, 222nd to TF Wahl, MG at 11254425 at 1543. Fired arty on same at 1556.		
1710		112	101710	Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 reports 75mm guns located at 145429. Two (2) mortars left of church in Engelsheim. Extreme right of Gogan a few rnds of nebelwerfer. OP #2 neg as of 1700.		
1600		113	101600	Tp, 14th Armd to TF Wahl, En aircraft knocked out half-track of 48th Tk Bn killing three (3) men. Same bomb knocked out tk also. In vicin where en mines which also went off as result of bombs at 1210.		
1714		114	101714	Bismarck Blue is out.		
1715		115	101715	Tp, Fuller Blue 3 to S-3, Reports en leaving Hatten (going E). No tanks sighted leaving		

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In	Out					
		115	(Continued)		Hatten but sounds of motors in woods, 2,000 yds E of Hatten.	
1800		116	101800		Tp, S-2 to Asst S-3 (Lt Taylor), Info from Regt on right: PW's from 1st and 2nd Co's, 121st Recon Bn, says forty (40) Royal Tigers left Niederroedern to go to Buehl. One (1) MG and one (1) 81mm Mortar at 226335. Troops dug in at 22403185. Four (4) or five (5) LMG's at 222298. 1st and 2nd Co's of 121st Recon Bn dug in on both sides of rd at 222298 and extends to 221305.	
1800		117	101800		Tp, Forage to S-2, Neg rept.	
1800		118	101800		Tp, White SX to S-2, "E" Co receiving fire from friendly tank. "F" Co reports twelve (12) tnks to front 182337.	
1800		119	101800		Tp, 3rd Bn to S-2, "K" Co receiving mortar fire at 12654245. Rocket planes dropped leaflets over 1st Bn at 1300.	
1840		120	101840		Rad, I & R to S-2, At 1750 three (3) guns fired five (5) shots landing SE on extreme right flank. At 1740 two (2) guns firing from vicin Wissembourg firing SE, 105mm. At 1740 one (1) gun 5,000 yds NE of Ingolsheim 105mm firing SE. OP #2 reports at 1725 six (6) rnds mortar fire landed near Sword's OP. Came from direction of Rott. At 1840 OP #1 reports one (1) amber flare approx 160 deg at a great distance.	

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In	Out					
1850		121	101850		Tp. Forage 2 to S-2, Neg report as of 1840.	
1852		122	101852		Rad, I & R to S-2, At 1850 one (1) amber flare approx 120 deg at some distance (Reported by OP #1)	
1900		123	101900		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #2 reports dogs barking and men yelling in Cleebourg.	
1907		124	101907		Tp. Forage to S-2, Reports btwn 1620 and 1745 400 rnds of med arty fell in Rittershoffen, plus three salvos of Nebelwerfer.	
1936		125	101936		Green, White and Blue lines are in.	
1953		126	101953		Tp. Forage 2 to S-2, Neg rept as of 1950.	
1956		127	101956		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 reports ten (10) rnds of Nebelwerfer extreme right of OP #1 on 90 deg az. OP #2 reports neg.	
1929		128	101929		Msg. C., CO, CCA, 14th Armd to CO, 315th Inf. Front lines 48 at 173320, 172337, 173344. Time 174048. Ordered to withdraw at once 174048 minus A and C to Surbourg, A to Soultz, C to Ritter concealment Hoffen.	
2105		129	102105		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 - 2050--Six (6) rds mortar fire landed near OP #1 came fr Ingolsheim. OP #2 - 2010--Two (2) rd burst of MG fire at 10254455, fired in direction of OP & obsvd muzzle blast.	
2130		130	102130		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #1 - 2120--One (1) gun firing fr approx. 55 degs., 2 rds., 75mm, 4 secs. fr B to B.	

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In	Out					
2200		131	102200		Rad, I & R to DO, 2145--One (1) mtr veh. moving into Ingolsheim. 2147--Two (2) guns firing fr vic. of Wissembourg. 2 rds. 105mm fr the SE. 2150--3rd Bn., 313th Inf. repts 40 Tks believed to be Tigers moving E to W pass there position.	
2230	(out)	132	102230		Msg. C., DO to I & R Plat. Ldr., Little Acorn relieved at daylight. Report to Big Acorn by 0900 at Coord. 136333 with acorns.	
	2245	133	102245		Tp, DO to S-3, 222nd Inf., Notified of I & R OP's being pulled at daylight.	
2317		134	102317		Tp, I & R to DO, OP #1 - four (4) rds landed near OP #1 fr the left front. 2235--Two (2) rds mortar landed near OP #1 fr Ingolsheim. 2257--Two (2) rds mortar fire fr Riedseltz landed near OP #1. OP #2 - neg rept.	

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Place Surbourg (084345)

Time		Serial Number	Time dated	Time dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken
In	Out					
0015		1	110015		Rad. I & R to DO, OP #1 - Mtrs in front of OP could have been Tks. Two (2) rds SP fell near OP. Two (2) rds mortar fire vic. OP. Two (2) rds mortar fire directly in front of OP. OP #2 - Two (2) guns fired fr Rott. 6 secs. landed right rear of OP. Two (2) rds fr behind Cleebourg. 4 secs. landed to the right rear of OP. One (1) gun fired directly N. 3 secs. 75 or 105.	
		2			S-3 Report & Overlay, Hq. 315th Inf., 10 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
0035		3	110035		Tp. S-2 (Maj. Schriewer) to DO, AP Plat. 2nd Bn. repts one (1) blk W of 1235, obsvd a 4 or 5 man German Patrol leaving church. Patrol disp. by MG fire fr "F" Co. Harassing Arty & mortar fire falling in town. Hear no movement outside of town.	
0110		4	110110		Tp. 222nd Inf. to DO, At 1255 OPL repts WP & S/A fire close to conc. 1346, probably action of friendly patrol. Patrol still out will notify of results.	
0113		5	110113		Rad. I & R to DO, OP #1 - 0030--Two (2) friendly white flares fr MLR. 0035--Three (3) rds arty vic. Ingolsheim landed 200 yds NE of OP #1. 0055--S/A S of OP #1. OP #2 - neg repts.	
0125		6	110125		Switchboard, 2nd & 3rd Bns. may be reached through Blacuit Red Able until lines come in.	

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In	Out					
0155		7	110155		Tp. 222nd Inf. to DO, 1st Bn. OP repts S/A fire in front of "B" and "C" Co's, also 0055 S/A and WP at 1346. 0126--S/A fire. "C" Co. repta two (2) vehs. in Ingolsheim, direction not known, some S/A fire heard at RR station.	
0200		8	110200		Tp. 3rd Bn., 313th Inf. to DO, Patrol on way to Stundwiller, found beer hall at 183360 clear and continued on until driven back by arty and mortar fire. OP repta 4 or 5 Tks milling around on edge of wds, came to N & W of rd leading to Stundwiller and stopped there.	
0210		9	110210		Rad, I & R to DO, OP #2 - 0200--Lot of movement in Cleebourg, veh. lights flashing, dogs barking and mortar fire. OP #1 - Friendly patrol drew S/A and burp gun fire S of Ingolsheim.	
0300		10	110300		Rad, I & R to DO, OP #1 - neg rept.	
0315		11	110315		Tp. 222nd Inf. to DO, 1st Patrol repts as follows: Patrol left at 101110, arrived at RR station and set-up bazooka position in vic. Waited then decided to check the three (3) bldgs. in RR station. Noticed an apparently abandoned veh. vic. 16254040, fired a bazooka rd into it causing it to burn. It had no equipment or personnel, except empty boxes. Checked three (3) bldgs. in RR station and fired WP grenades and bazooka into two (2) of the bldgs.	

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In	Out					
		12			Tp. 222nd Inf. to DO. Gosenwald Forest Patrol left at 2300 to go to stream 13504246, unable to ford stream at that pt. Tried stream junction 13904245, but backed up to 13414245, S/A fr vic. 14104326 fire not at patrol but at ridge 13304285. One (1) rifle shot every 10 secs. Fire fr Dreffewbacherol Farms was directed up draw at 13504246 and 139040245. Farm prev. obsvd by "K" Co. patrol in afternoon as an En OP. Patrol proceeded to 13884371. Time did not allow to go further. Heard veh. mtrs. probably trk in vic. 14154368. Traveled short distance obsvd S/A to NW. Arty and S/A fire at Ingolsheim. Patrol #2 - Mission to Cleebourg. Patrol did not get there. Friendly mine field tied up patrol. Sound of hvy mtrs. vic. Hunsbach above RR station.	
0525		13	110525		Tp. 222nd Inf. to DO. Sent out Combat Patrol of 30 men to vic. Ingolsheim. Patrol met 5 man German patrol, which escaped. Shortly after they met another 5 man German patrol & both patrols caught in MG fire vic. CR at 14854125. Five (5) Germans killed, one (1) MG silenced. In open area at 14954160 large no. of mortar emplacements. "A" & "B" Co's had recd such type fire. At 153413 suspected AT gun emplacement. No emplacements manned. Patrol Ldr. and Sgt. missing.	

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Time		Serial Number	Time dated	Time dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken
In	Out					
0550		14	110550		Tp. CCA, 14th Armd to DO, Rittershoffen receiving hvy shelling at 0530.	
	0600	15	110600		Mag. C., S-2 to All Units. Password as follows: 111200 to 121200, Juliette - Tess, 121200 to 131200, Press - Golf.	
0715		16	110715		Rad, I & R to S-2, OP #2 - Unknown No. mtrz vehs.. 2000 yds right flank moving laterally twd us.	
0715		17	110715		Tp. CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, OP repts S/A fire in Rittershoffen coming fr S.	
0740		18	110740		Tp. S-2 (Maj. Schriewer) to S-3, En. Inf. has gotten around our 2nd Bn. 3rd Bn. is engaged with En Inf.	
		19			S-2 Report, Hq. 315th Inf.. 10 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
0745		20	110745		Tp. 222nd Inf. to S-2, Disabled Tk at 175380. in minefield, fired on and six rds put through Tk when En tried to evacuate it.	
0800		21	110800		Tp. CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, En in Rittershoffen OP pulled. Germans in edge at 0750. 68th clm closed Kuhlendorf at 0625.	
0900		22	110900		Tp. S-3 to 222nd Inf., Request info on S rt fl rept neg. Only activity firing vic. pillboxes on MLR in left 315th Inf. sector.	
0905		23	110905		Tp. Asst. S-3 to S-3, Situation clearing - 2nd Bn. in Hatten apparently encircled but still in good condition. 3rd Bn in Rittershoffen w/ some unfriendly units repta in town also.	

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Time		Serial Number	Time dated	Time dated	Incidents, Messages, Orders	Action Taken
In	Out					
0945		24	110945		Tp. Cn. Co. to S-3, Cn. Co. now located at 136344.	
1000		25	111000		Tp. CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, neg rept.	
1015		26	111015		Tp. S-2 to S-3, 3rd Bn. (Maj. Eason) requests arty fire on conc. 1214. Permission granted to fire. Repts En digging in betn 1214 and 1236.	
1030		27	111030		Switchboard, 904th EA line in.	
1050		28	111050		Switchboard, Fighter Baker and Forage Fwd in.	
		29			Memo #1, Hq. 315th Inf., 7 Jan. 45. (see exb)	
		30			Billeting in Combat Areas, Hq. 79th Div., 8 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		31			Memo #2, Hq. 315th Inf., 8 Jan. 45. (see exb)	
		32			G-2 Periodic Report, Hq. 79th Div., 7 Jan. 45 (see exhibit)	
		33			S-3 Report, Hq. CCA, 14th Armd, 9 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
1205		34	111205		Tp. CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, En has cut rd at 155340. W edge of Rittershoffen. Above rept not verified. 1140--Four (4) rds nebelwerfer fell vic. 147341, 80 degs.	
1230		35	111230		Tp. Furnace 2 to S-2, "K" Co patrol at 1202 found one (1) dead German by a MG at 139425. Also four bicycles and several U.S. blankets. Vehicular noises heard at coords estimated at 148452 at 1235.	

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In	Out					
1530		36	111530		Fwd grp of the Regt'l CP closed into Oberbetschdorf (124333)	
1650		37	111650		Rad, I & R to S-2, I am at coord. 158345.	
1650		38	111650		Rad, I & R to S-2, En digging in E of obj. This unit recd fire just short of obj.	
1715		39	111715		Rad, I & R to S-2, Two (2) Tks sighted arty taking care of same.	
1740		40	111740		Rad, I & R to S-2, Position the same, 68th -- Armd Inf. receiving S/A fire.	
1750		41	111750		Switchboard, Direct line to Cn. Co.	
1800		42	111800		Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-3, Have reached wds at W edge of town. People w/big mach. only have 26 left. Am digging in for night and putting out security outposts.	
1815		43	111815		Switchboard, Direct line to 2nd Bn.	
1820		44	111820		Switchboard, Line to Cn. Co. out.	
2005		45	112005		Rad, 3rd Bn to S-3, 3rd Bn requests AT. Inf strength small.	
		46			S-3 242nd Inf Journal for period from 091200 to 101200 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		47			S-3 242nd Inf Journal for period from 101200 to 111200 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
2126		48	112126		CO 315 and S-3 left Regtl CP for Tsk Force HQ in Surbourg.	
2125		49	112125		Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, Patrol with radio btrys to go to Hatten passed through Armd Inf and continued along RR to farm 160328 and saw Germans	

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In	Out					
		49	(Continued)		there. Attempted to by-pass to N but found series of outposts and patrols. Patrol drew S/A fire. En arty active in this sector and W to armd Inf. Result--One patrol member killed and one wounded. Patrol returned. Patrol observed 20mm AA gun at 165336 firing at Armd Inf.	
2142		50	112142		Rad, 3rd Bn to S-2, Five (5) en tnks moved into Rittershoffen from the E. (Tsk Force HQ notified.)	
2142		51	112142		Bismarck Green line is out.	
2147		52	112147		Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, Trps in Hatten hit from N and NE by armor and Inf from 1236-1247. Trying to break up atk by arty.	
2220		53	112220		Rad, Lt. Taylor is on way up to you with two (2) TD's. Asks that you have guide at first cut S of your CP.	
2240		54	112240		Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, "E" Co rcvd tk fire from the W. Have checked with 48th Tk Bn. Possibly tk reported by patrol with alternate field of fire.	
2240		55	112240		Tp, Forage 2 to S-2, Neg rept.	
2302		56	112302		Tp, Lt Young of 827th TD's to S-2, States that one (1) plat of TD's expected to be here at 0030 to go to 3rd Bn. Was told we would have guide avlbl.	
2310		57	112310		CO 315 and S-3 returned to Regtl CP from Tsk Force HQ.	

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Place Oberbetschdorf (120333)

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In	Out					
0215		1	120222		Rad. CO Blue to DO. Neg except all arty.	
0230		2	120230		P. Lt Taylor returned after bring up TD's to 3rd Bn.	
0250		3	120250		Blue line is in.	
0345		4	120345		Outpost #4 reports neg.	
0300		5	120300		Tp. 3rd Bn to DO. Twenty (20) man patrol against "I" Co. One (1) PW.	
0330		6	120330		P. (Preliminary interrogation of PW from "I" Co). Member of 119th Regt, 25th Pz Gr. Regt at Niederodern. Bn at Hatten. Crossed at Gerrett bridge. Saw no tks. Heard Nebelwerfer but did not know where located. Was Regtl runner. Regtl CO was Maj Huss. Frwd Regtl Cp in Hatten in cellar at RJ 181336.	
0350		7	120350		White, Blue and Green lines out.	
0330		8	120330		Tp. 2nd Bn to DO. Lt Hickman says Inf moving into East end of Hatten and we three plenty of arty at them which quieted them. Fired last concentration of arty at 0230.	
0530		9	120530		Mtr Msg. I & R to DO. I & R arrived at OPL at 1100. At 0030 on first patrol up RR on which OP is located found btwn twelve (12) and fifteen (15) Germans in building (Probably RR station.) At 0230 2nd patrol heard en patrol active in woods in vicin of 1224. After our patrols withdrawal. S/A fire was heard in vic of 1222. I & R OP at 153327 (West of where	

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In	Out					
		9	(Continued)		trail crosses RR)	
0555		10	120555		Both I & R radios can receive but not transmit.	
0558		11	120558		Tp. Captain Jenson. Biscuit Red to DO. Inquired about our activity.	
0600		12	120600		Tp. DO Fuller to DO. Asked and was given summary of nightactivity. Will give us TD pos.	
0620		13	120620		Tp. DO to TF Wahl. Gave them all avlbl info.	
		14			S-3 Report No 189 issued by 315th Inf on 11 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		15			Opns Ovlv issued by S-3 315th Inf on 11 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
0300		16	120300		Tp. Maj Eason to Capt Hoover. Three en tnks and one (1) halftrack pulled out to E from 1214. Still two (2) tnks at 1214. Situation on wons-- One (1) hvy. two (2) AT. "K" and "L" have LMG (-2 LMG). no 81's, three (3) 60's short in Bn. Short some jeeps, one (1) in "I" and two (2) in "M". 42nd lost plenty of vehicles. Four (4) "F" Co men never showed up.	
		17			G-2 Periodic Report No 184 issued by 79 Div on 10 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
0711		18	120711		Rad, Both 2nd and 3rd Bn's report situation quiet at present time.	
0716		19	120716		Tp. Bingo Blue to S-3, Report rcvg arty fire. Otherwise quiet. Also report hearing no en activity to our front.	

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In	Out					
0725		20	120725		Tp. Fuller White to S-3. Situation quiet in front of Fuller White.	
0725		21	120725		Tp. S-2 to Tsk Force Wahl. Given situation.	
0850		22	120850		Tp. S-2 to Tsk Force Wahl. Given situation.	
0815		23	120815		White line is in.	
		24			Msg C., S-P to All Units. Password: 121200 to 131200. Press Golf; 131200 to 141200. Lost Echo.	
0830		25	120830		Communications check made: Lines to 2nd Bn. Rear board and Biscuit Red in. Lines to Fuller and 3rd Bn out.	
0901		26	120901		Line to Bismark Green in.	
0905	(out)	27	120905		Tp. S-2 to Tsk Force Wahl. Our 3rd Bn had no pressure on it this morning. 48th Tk Bn atking and making progress. No pressure on troops in Hatten as far as we know. CCA is atking on right and is almost to 160336 (Con 1225), coming into that pt from the SW. Are close to buildings. On N flank 68th Armd Inf is guiding on main rd into town. Have reached 158339. En tkn and half-track at that pt.	
0855		28	120855		P. Lno from 48th Tnk Bn to S-3. Patrol that went from 141324 to 162324 met only friendly troops. Made patrol every hour during night. Reported that rd from Niederbetschdorf running SE is our main supply rte. 68th Inf. Co "B", had patrol contact with the right flank of 68th	

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In	Out					
		28	(Continued)		Inf Bn (- 1 Co) every hr. and received harassing S/A fire from NE of Rittershoffen. At present time "B" Co, 48th Tk Bn, is just S of RR tracks and E of Rd running S from Rittershoffen. "C" Co of 48th Tk Bn following up the Inf Co which is within 100 yds W of houses at 160337. Continuing on mission.	
0940		29	120940		Line to Blue is in.	
0940		30	120940		Tp, S-3 to S-3 3rd, Asked situation. Was told situation of CCA on left and right of town approx same as reported previously. Still progressing. 3rd Bn attempted to advance to church in Rittershoffen. En strong point there made this impossible. Platoon of "I" Co remains on hill 178.1 N of Rittershoffen.	
0940		31	1200940		Tp, S-3 to 2nd Bn, Asked situation. Was told 2nd Bn has rad contact to trps in Hatten. En atkd troops in Hatten all night long. En did not make much progress. 2nd Bn troops seemed okay. CO 2nd Bn did not know situation of CCA at present. Had no contact with him.	
0958		32	120958		CO 315 returned to Regtl CP.	
1014		33	121014		Blue line is out.	
0945		34	120945		P. Lno 242nd Inf to S-3, One (1) tank and one (1) half-track came S out of Hatten going E. Patrol from 3rd Bn 242nd Inf patrolled to NW and W along E of woods S of Hatten. No en or	

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In	Out					
		34	(Continued)		friendly troops contacted.	
1025		35	121025		Tp. S-3 to SX 2nd Bn. Instructed to have ammo, food, water and extrawons ready to take to 2nd Bn as soon as we can reach them.	
1020		36	121020		P. CO 315 to Lno 2nd Bn. Instructions sent to 2nd Bn to be prepared to move up rapidly behind armor to Maginot Line.	
1015		37	121015		Tp. 3rd Bn to S-2. Three (3) Mark IV tanks at 159342. Two (2) minute concentration of light arty (30 rnds) 500 yds to NE.	
		38			G-2 Report No 185 issued by 79 Inf on 11 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
1030		39	121030		P. Div Lno to CO 315, Instructions dated 12 Jan '45. Overlay attached: Make reconnaissance today of routes and positions. Have officer making recon go by Division CP to pick up overlay showing defenses already prepared. Major McConnell of 313th has already made recon of our sector and will be glad to go with our recon officer. He can be reached at Liaison section. 242nd (-) is attached to 315th for coordination of movement to MLR at which time they will be released to go to their assembly area. 3rd Bn 313th will be attached to 315th upon arrival at MLR. Movement will not be started without Division order.	
1110		40	121110		P. 3rd Bn Lno to S-2, Tnks approaching Ritters-	

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In	Out					
		40	(continued)		hoffer on main rd from E. Believe to be En. Number unknown. Arty fire prepared. Clearance from 14th Armd being obtained.	
		41			S-2 Report No. 148 issued by 315th Inf. on 11 Jan. '45. See exhibit.	
1215		42	121215		Switchboard, 2nd Bn. line out.	
1215		43	121215		Tp, 3rd Bn., 313th Inf. to S-3, 1203--Saw one (1) Tk, five (5) Inf. (friendly) at 147349, going E.	
1250		44	121250		Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, 2nd Bn. repts that unit in Hatten is calling for arty, do not know reason for it.	
	1315	45	121315		Tp, S-2 to Comm. CO, Communication CO directed to call AT Co. Radio and employ as net control and then send Radio mounted in jeep to the 3rd Bn.	
	1315	46	121315		P. Col. Schriver leaving the Regt'l area.	
1340		47	121340		Switchboard, 3rd Bn. line out.	
1415		48	121415		Tp, Arty to S-2, Air OP repts three (3) Tks at 162343.	
1415		49	121415		P. Col. Schriver returned to the Regt'l area.	
1520		50	121520		P. General Wyche CG 79th Div. visitor in the Regt'l CP. Left - 1545.	
1630		51	121630		Tp, Biscuit Rd 2 to S-3, FOP arty adjusted on en AT gun at 1627-3348. The Mark VI reported hit received two hits by 155 guns at 1640-3385. Mark IV was with Mark VI tnk	

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		51	(Continued)		at those coords. The Mark IV moved out just behind bldg E of there. It was hit by arty and either the bldg or Mark IV is burning.	
1710		52	121710		Arrangements being made to fire supplies into 2nd Bn in Hatten. Supplies include morphine, blood plasma and bandages. Biscuit will notify this HQ when shells are packed and ready to fire.	
1710		53	121710		Gen Wahl visited Regtl CP.	
1805		54	121805		P. S-4 to SX 315, G-4 said Air Corps will fly mission weather permitting. Can hit area. Will be informed of dive bombing mission, chute release.	
1816		55	121816		Tp. Fuller 3 to SX 315, Fuller 3rd Bn S-3 reports en armor moving W into Hatten. Placing arty on them.	
1821		56	121821		Tp. 2nd Bn S-3 to CO 315, Two (2) amber flares in E edge of Hatten.	
1833		57	121833		P. Lno 48th Tk Bn to S-3, Gave situation on action plan for CCA including movement of ten (10) light tanks E along RR running S of Rittershoffen to fire on en N of Hatten and proceed as far E as possible to be followed by mediums.	
1833		58	121833		Tp. S-3 to 2nd Bn S-3, Instructed 2nd Bn to notify personnel in Hatten that arty would fire medical supplies at coords 17293369. Time and further details will be given later.	

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In	Out					
1940		59	121940		Tp. 2nd Bn to S-3. White frwd CP forced to move when house they occupying set afire by en white phosphorous shells.	
2050		60	122050		Tp. TFW-2 to S-3. Lt. Col. Eason or SX rept tonight to Col. Karlstad at Kuhlendorf. 3rd Bn. will be atchd to CCA until Rittershoffen clear, then detached again. Col. Holton rept to Col. Huddleson at 0700. CCR CP at eastern edge Niederbetschdorf. Holton contact trps by radio. He will be atchd to CCR until Hatten is clear, then detached.	
2105		61	122105		Tp. 2nd Bn to S-3. Some small arms and En action around 2nd Bn. fwd CP. All units alert for infiltration attempt.	
		62			Overlay to Accompany S-3 Report, Hq. 315th Inf. 12 Jan. 45 (see exhibit)	
		63			S-3 Report No. 190, Hq. 315th Inf., 12 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		64			Overlay Def. Pos. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Bns., 242nd Inf. 12 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
2215		65	122215		Tp. 2nd Bn to S-3. Considerable Tk activity at Conc. 1236.	
2218		66	122218		Tp. 2nd Bn to S-3. Estimated five (5) vehs. moving fr 1236 twd Rittershoffen. Request hvy arty.	
2310		67	122310		Tp. 2nd Bn to S-3. 2nd Bn. so far has not found any of the five (5) rds containing medical supplies in area.	

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In	Out					
0050		1	130050		Tp, TF-3 to DO, Inquired to see if friendly arty conc. at 17903340 and 17943360 is safe. Clearance given. Three (3) conc. betn 0800 and 0845.	
0140		2	130140		Switchboard, Cn. Co. line in.	
0153		3	130153		Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, Capt. Potts called to find out who is digging in along rd NW out of Rittershoffen.	
	0215	4	130215		Tp, DO to 2nd Bn, In ans. to Msg. #3. Men digging are fr 68th Armd Inf. Maj. Whipple CCR, 14th Armd visited CP, to obtain our situation. Given same.	
	0230	5	130230		Tp, DO to 310th FA, Tp 310th FA in reference to having friendly arty fire raised 150 yds in Hatten.	
0250		6	130250		Switchboard, Direct line to 3rd Bn out.	
0250		7	130250		Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, "F" Co. is receiving flat. traj. fire fr direction of Rittershoffen. Ck TF Hqs. to be sure that it was not our Tks. It was not.	
0345		8	130345		Tp, TF DO to DO, Inquired if 3rd Bn.-5 had contacted Armd Command at Kuhlendorf. Answer was affirmative.	
	0350	9	130350		Tp, DO to 3rd Bn., 3rd Bn situation very quiet. Occasional fire fr 20mm AA Gun being recd.	
	0400	10	130400		Tp, DO to 2nd Bn., Neg rept fr Bn. in Hatten.	
	0450	11	130450		Tp, DO to S-2, 242nd Inf., Reptd friendly patrols had contacted two (2) small Ey patrols	

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		11	(continued)		several hundred yards to front of right flank of their 3rd Bn. These patrols contacted at 0300 and 0400. All other sectors gave neg repts.	
0500		12	130500		Tp. TF DO to DO. Patrol fr 3rd Bn., 313th Inf. repts Ey has bridge capable of carrying Tks at 180349. One (1) Ey Tk and small grp of Inf. at bridge. Arty fire placed on it.	
	0600	13	130600		Tp. DO to 3rd Bn., Neg rept on Ey activity other than a small amount of arty fire.	
	0600	14	130600		Msg. C., S-2 to All Units, Password as follows: 131200 to 141200, Lost - Echo, 141200 to 151200, Echelon - Tobruk.	
	0605	15	130605		Tp. DO to 2nd Bn., Neg rept on Ey activity other than several rds of arty in vicinity.	
0610		16	130610		Tp. TF DO to DO, Rept on sector of the 242nd Inf. Ey patrols encountered were large patrols At approx. 0300 a number of vehs. were heard moving NE fr woods twd Niederroderm.	
		17			S-2 Report No. 149, Hq. 315th Inf., 12 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
0710		18	130710		Tp. TF Wahl to DO, 311th FA repts Ey infiltration at 138326.	
0715		19	130715		Tp. General Wahl to DO, Request plans for supply of the 2nd Bn. Given our plan of Air Mission.	
0720		20	130720		Tp. Col Schriver to DO, In regard to Ey infiltration and plans to stop it.	

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	0725	21	130725		P. DO to I & R (Lt. Stevens), Alerted I & R to patrol area of reptd Ey infiltration.	
	0730	22	130730		Tp. DO to 242nd Inf., Notified 242nd Inf. of Ey infiltration and requested that they send patrols to area also.	
	0735	23	130735		P. I & R leaving on patrol mission.	
0740		24	130740		Tp. 242nd Inf. to DO, 242nd Inf. is sending patrols to area of reptd Ey infiltration.	
		25			IPW Report, Hq. 315th Inf., 12 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
0810		26	130810		P. I & R (Lt. Stevens) to S-2, I & R Patrol found - FA moved own trk. No tracks except for one (1) small person. Gun fire neg., except for a few stray rds. A patrol fr the TD Rcn have passed over area.	
0815		27	130815		Switchboard, Cn. Co. line out.	
	0810	28	130815		Tp. S-3 to TF Wahl (Capt. Holbrook), Notify 14th Armd and all AA units of Air Mission at 1000.	
0830		29	130830		Rad. 3rd Bn to S-3, Jumped on time. Notify new boss. Time Msg. signed - 0825.	
	0835	30	130835		Tp. SX to 242nd Inf., Notified of Air Mission at 1000.	
0845		31	130845		Tp. Cn. Co. to S-3, Request permission to fire HE on 1235. Permission granted.	
0853		32	130853		P. General Wyche CG 79th Div. visitor in the Regt'l CP. Left - 0910.	

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0910		33	130910		P. General Smith, Asst. Div. Cmdr., 14th Armd visitor in the Regt'l CP. Left - 0920.	
0910		34	130910		P. General Smith of the 14th Armd repts South End of Hatten being assaulted by CCR at 0850.	
0930		35	130930		Rad, 3rd Bn to S-3, Progress to N, none to E. Strong Ey Inf. and Tk opposition.	
0930		36	130930		P. 2nd Bn (Maj. Miller) to S-3. Repts CCR is 800 yds fr Hatten. Report fr the Bn. CP's are indefinite as to location.	
0935		37	130935		P. General Wyche, CG 79th Div. visitor in the Regt'l CP. Left - 0945.	
0945		38	130945		P. CO 242nd Inf. to S-2, Bridges at 141309, 146297, 133266 and 122306 prepared for demolition and guarded by Engrs. Two (2) bridges at Soufflenheim prepared for demolition and are to be blown on order of 232nd Inf.	
1000		39	131000		P. General Wahl TF Cmdr. visitor in the Regt'l CP. Left - 1040.	
		40			Morning Reports, Hq. 315th Inf., 30 Dec. 44. (see exhibit)	
		41			Partial List of Auth. Abbreviations, Hq. 315th Inf. (see exhibit)	
1000		42	131000		Tp, 3rd Bn., 313th Inf. to S-2, Six (6) Tks vic. 164353 all down behind ridge. OP repts two (2) Tks moving vic. 164353 and started firing to SE. OP in Oberroedern says two (2) Ey Tks Hatten to Buhl burst into flame. Cause unknown.	

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In	Out					
		42	(continued)		Activity around pillbox, Ey Inf. accross creek fr right flank 313th Inf.	
		43			Parole and Countersign List No. 9, Hq. 6th USA Group, 29 Dec. 44. (see exhibit)	
		44			Parole and Countersign List No. 8, Hq. 6th USA Group, 17 Dec. 44. (see exhibit)	
		45			FM 12-105, The Army Postal Service, Changes 3 WD, 12 April 44. (see exhibit)	
		46			G-2 Spot Report, Hq. 79th Div., 6 Jan. 45. (see exhibit).	
		47			Reports of Ln-0 to XV Corps, Hq. 79th Div., 8, 9, 10 Jan. 45. (see exhibits).	
		48			S-3 Report, Hq. 69th Armd FA Bn., 10 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		49			Daily Bulletin No. 6, Hq. 904th FA, 8 Jan. 45. (see exhibit).	
		50			Daily Bulletin No. 7, Hq. 904th FA, 9 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
1030		51	131030		Rad, S-3, 3rd Bn to S-3. Some progress being made to the N. Stiff resistance to the E, consisting of a Tk and A. T. gun.	
1045		52	131045		Tp, G-4 to S-4, Air Mission to be flown at 1100 or shortly thereafter.	
1050		53	131050		Rad, CCA, 14th Armd to S-3, At what time did your units jump-off. Msg. signed at 0937.	
1050		54	131050		Rad, CCA, 14th Armd to S-3, Rept progress, Msg. signed at 1000.	

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1050		55	131050		Rad. CCA, 14th Armd to S-3. Submit hourly repts to this Hqs. Msg. signed at 1006.	
	1100	56	130901		Rad. S-3 to CCA, 14th Armd. Moved on order.	
1045		57	131045		Tp. S-3, 313th Inf. to S-3. Request meds. fire conc: 1235 at E end of Hatten. Urgent rad. request fr 2nd Bn. Disp. of target not given. Replied meds. would fire for 15 mins.	
1100		58	131100		Tp. Cn. Co. to S-3, Cn. Co. has fired 100 rds at Tks and Inf., 300 yds W of main intersection E end of Hatten. Fire has not been called to lift.	
1100		59	131100		Tp. General Wahl to S-3, Armor repts some of our trps w/d fr W end of Hatten. Do we have any knowledge of above? Will check and rept.	
	1101	60	131101		Tp. S-3 to TF Wahl, Request "jeep" planes check area around Hatten and give us rept.	
1105		61	131105		Tp. TF Wahl to S-2, Co. Tks (friendly), 1000 yds NE of Hatten. Armd Inf. has a blk on the S end Hatten. Seven (7) med. Tks have cut the rd betn Hatten and Rittershoffen.	
1130		62	131130		Switchboard, 3rd Bn. line out.	
1135		63	131135		Rad. CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, Render hourly rept on progress.	
1144		64	131144		Tp. TF Wahl to S-3, Rept of Tks cutting rd betn Hatten and Rittershoffen is correct.	
1150		65	131150		Tp. S-4 to S-3, Air Mission will be flown at 1204.	

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1200		66	131200		Tp. AT Co to S-3. Have Plat AT guns in Oberbetschdorf, which were with 3rd Bn. 313th Inf.	
1205		67	131205		Three (3) rnds of unknown nature landed in the SW portion of Oberbetschdorf.	
1220		68	131220		Planes overhead. Drew friendly ack-ack.	
1232		69	131232		All lines to rear out.	
1239		70	131239		Rad (intercept) to S-3. 2nd Bn reports they were able to pick up part of supplies dropped.	
1130		71	131130		Tp. Bingo Blue to S-3. Tks moving up on high ground NW of Hatten. Nine (9) people not wearing overcoats moving up with tnks. Two (2) Scatter Guns (155mm self-propelled) sent to Third Bn 313th to look for positions.	
1200		72	130930		Tp. Fuller 3 OP to S-3. Three (3) tnks and two (2) SPM moving to 188338. Fake Aid Station with armor behind it. Two (2) personnel cars moving W to Hatten. One (1) got KO'd by arty 3rd Bn. Pill Box at 186325. Six (6) en seen, two (2) were killed. At 188338 distance of 200 yds E & N of rd something, possibly armor, being shelled. Watch that area carefully. Red 2 sent patrols to 157338. Could see Rittershoffen in vicin of 150340. Saw en arty falling three (3) rnds every five (5) mins. Small arms hvy in Rittershoffen. Sounds as though predominantly ours. Arty falling S side of Rittershoffen. Our troops going along	

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		72	(Continued)		Kuhlendorf-Rittershoffen rd twd Rittershoffen. Hvy en MG sweeps area 150355.	
1220		73	131220		Tp, 3rd Bn to S-3, Leading tnk elements at 15963379. No progress made E section of sector	
1243		74	131243		Gen Smith of 14th Armd visited Regtl CP.	
1258		75	131258		One line tn to rear.	
1305		76	131305		Tp, SX 2nd Bn to S-3, Co "A" of Armd Inf of CCA was pulled back to 170331. Co "B" same unit at 170331. Three (3) friendly tnks ahead of Co "A" South of Hatten.	
1320		77	131320		Rad, 3rd Bn to S-3, Dispositions same as of 1200. (Msg signed at 1305.)	
1325		78	131325		Tp, SX 2nd Bn to S-3, 2nd Bn unable to pick up any of bundles.	
1340		79	131340		Tp, SX 2nd Bn to S-3, Undetermined no of packages containing TD ammo retrieved by 2nd Bn but not usable.	
1352		80	131352		Three (3) lines to rear now.	
1355		81	131355		Tp, Fuller 3 to S-2, Two (2) red parachutes dropped by friendly planes vicin of Rittershoffen. One landed to W of Rittershoffen and was picked up by arty jeep.	
1414		82	131414		Tp, Bingo Blue to S-3, Wounded tanker brought back to us reports direct fire wpn in vicin of 1214. Possibly direct fire wpn in that orchard. "G" Co getting some of direct fire. (Tks Force notified).	

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1500		83	131500	Blue line still out. (Check of Communications made and all other lines in at this time.)	
1504		84	131504	Fuller line to be out few mins. Moving Brd.	
1520		85	131520	Rad, 3rd Bn to S-3. No progress twd Pt 3. Sending plat W to Pt 1, N & E to Pt 4. Tk and auto wpn fire heavy. Unit on rt reports no progress.	
1515		85	131515	Tp, Fuller 2 OP to S-2. OP reports one (1) tnk withdrew from Hatten to NW.	
1523		86	131523	P, CO 2nd Bn to CO 315, Reported "F" Co (with approx 104 men) withdrew from Hatten.	
1520		87	131520	P. Msg brought from Co 3rd Bn by Lno to CO 315 Inf., Co "K" has made no progress since 1100. They receive tank fire from tk near church, also from tk btwn 3 & 4. At 1450 63th reported reaching 4, but at 1500 reported unable to hold it. I had ordered another plat of Co "K" to proceed W from Pt 1 to rd running N from Kuhlen-dorf-Hatten rd, thence N, thence E to Pt 4, and join up with other plat of "K", but am now holding them so as not to pile up behind 68th. Co "L" is unable to enter church. Have blasted holes in houses SW of 5 for tanks to fire thru in attempt to get tank near 7. 68th claims one (1) tnk and one (1) probable. 48th trying to move tks twd 9 from E now. Am using arty, mortars and bazookas continuously. TD's have fired	

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		87	(continued)	90 rds so far.	
1530		88	131530	Mag. C., CO, 3rd Bn. to CO, 315th Inf., Unit on left unable to hold pt. 4. Platoon was not sent around. No change.	
		89		Report fr Civilian who purposes to be friendly Agent, Hq. 315th Inf., 13 Jan. 45. (see exb)	
1600		90	131600	Rad. CO, CCA, 14th Armd to CO, 315th Inf., Push atk fast 68th is approaching N edge of town and has capt. two (2) German Tks at 158-340. Msg. trans. to CO, 3rd Bn.	
1630		91	131630	P. General Wyche, CG 79th Div. visitor in the Regt'l CP. Left - 1645.	
1615		92	131615	Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-3. Send Ln-O familiar with your situation to this Hq. at once to remain here.	
1625		93	131625	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, Approx. 40 men fr "F" Co. plus 17 fr "C" Co., 242nd Inf. have assembled at 2nd Bn. CP. Msg. recd fr Tkers was they were, "to go into Hatten and help our trps out". Capable of dual interpretation. More of "F" and some of "E" are in wds. S-4 to bring chow to 2nd Bn. CP. Trps in bad condition, due to lack of sleep and report hvy casualties in this mornings atk. Holleys patrol will check area to see if blood plasma in powdered form is among supplies that were dropped.	

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1715		94	131715	Rad. CO, 3rd Bn to CO, 315th Inf.. Have not advanced, hvy Ey fire all types.	
1723		95	131723	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, Friendly Tks in vic. 1236 firing on our trps.	
1725		96	131725	P. General Wahl TF Cmdr. visitor in the Regt'l CP. Left - 1740.	
1730		97	131730	Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-3, 68th Armd on left of 3rd Bn.. 315th Inf.. Rept light Ctr-atk coming fr N at 1700. No Tks involved and situation well in hand.	
	1745	98	131745	Tp, S-3 to TF Wahl, Notified about friendly Tk fire on 2nd Bn. trps. Told that a check would be made.	
	1748	99	131748	Tp, S-3 to 2nd Bn., Informed CO, 2nd Bn. about check being made on friendly Tk fire on 2nd Bn. trps.	
1748		100	131748	Tp, Cn. Co. to S-3, Air bursts right above Cn. Co. guns. Shells coming fr the rear.	
	1745	101	131745	Tp, Col. Schriver to CO, 242nd Inf.. TF Cmdr. instrd 1st Bn., 242nd Inf. to put protection on E end Niederbetschdorf.	
1415		102	131415	P. S-3 carried TF Cmdr. Wahl to Hq. CCR, to attempt to use rte into Hatten that our foot patrols have been using, so they could get friendly armor to help trps in town. Info to CCR 6. CO, CCR, 14th Armd said they were in process of atk which jumped at 1400.	

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		102	(continued)	They had lost seven (7) Tks but will push on in an attempt to get to friendly trps in Hatten. Did not believe it possible at time to use rte suggested.	
1430		103	131430	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, 2nd Bn. sending Officer lead patrol to contact trps in Hatten and supply them with medical supplies badly needed.	
1435		104	131435	Arrangements in process to send one (1) arty trailer loaded with TD am., plasma, bandages, bazooka rds and grenades into Hatten with armor that moves. 2nd Bn. to load trailer, TD's to move trailer to prox. of Tks and Tks to hitch on to trailer and pull it into town.	
1500		105	131500	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, Three (3) med. Tks in Hatten said that there orders were to come in and lead the Inf. out. One (1) Tk came back with about 100 trps with it. Remainder of trps refused to leave. Check with TF and Div. revealed that the Armd orders were to go into the town to reinf. trps at present in town. This info relayed to 2nd Bn. and 14th Armd CCR. CO, CCR said that he would put all his unit into town tonight.	
1700		106	131700	Tp, TF Wahl to S-3, Unconfirmed report fr TF Wahl to effect that "A" Co., Armd Inf. arrived in Hatten and other Companies to follow immediately.	

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1715		107	131715	Tp, S-3 to 3rd Bn., 242nd Inf., Ordered to out-post wds fr left flank to Fme d' Rittershoffen and to contact 14th Armd at that pt., if unable to contact 14th Armd there they will patrol to N to contact friendly trps. Also instrd to institute security patrols to front.	
1725		108	131725	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2. Our trps have reoccupied some of houses left in withdrawal. Request S-3 continue work on half-track to evac. casualties, some serious. OP grp in Rittershoffen will go up w/"F" Co. Advise CCA to insure proper occupation of 2nd Bn. OP in Rittershoffen. A few Armd Engrs. there now. Relay station for 2nd Bn. will be set-up at 3rd Bn. CP.	
1730		109	131730	1 - 155 Long Tom SPM to move to firing position Oberrodern to fire on large pillbox S of stream.	
1745		110	131745	Tp, 2nd Bn To S-3, CO, 2nd Bn. repts CO, CCR states that med. Tks will be withdrawn fr Hatten tonight and only light Tks will remain.	
1815		111	131815	Patrol carrying medical supplies was successful in reaching isolated trps in Hatten. Delivered plasma bandages and morphine.	
1900		112	131900	Tp, TF G-2 to S-3, Reptd that med. Tks could not remain in Hatten as a result of Corps Cmdr. orders. Our med. Tks would not go into town.	

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1900		113	131900	P, "C" Co., 827 TD's to S-3, Rept one (1) Mk 4 and one (1) half-track at 185356 during the afternoon. Half-track burned but was recovered by the Ey.	
1930		114	131930	Special trailer load of am. was last seen hitched in rear of Tk near RR tracks SW of Hatten. Tk was moving twd Hatten and no verification that Tk reached destination.	
1930		115	131930	Tp, Ln-Q 2nd Bn to S-3, 68th Inf. Bn. agree to defend area held by elms of 2nd Bn. in Rittershoffen. After relief is effected remainder of 2nd Bn. will move to Rear CP.	
	1935	116	131935	Tp, S-3 to S-3, 813th TD's, Request added destroyers be placed in Hatten tonight. Replied General did not deem it advisable to put more destroyers in Hatten tonight. Request that two (2) destroyers be placed in position in edge of wds, 1500 yds S of Hatten. Would ck. Officer fr 242nd Inf is available and will guide destroyers into position.	
2000		117	132000	Tp, S-4 to S-3, 50 Molotov Cocktails prepared and will be sent to ea. Bn. tonight.	
2128		118	132128	Tp, Biscuit Red to S-3, 3rd Bn 315th being atkd in town by flame-throwing tanks and Inf. Want us to set up 300 commo with them. Have commo with Biscuit Red by wire and 610.	

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2133		119	132133	Tp, TF Wahl (Capt Holbrook) to S-3. If someone can show CCR exactly where trailer is, they will pick it up and carry it into Hatten.	
2149		120	132149	Rad, 14th Armd to S-3, Substantial en C/A moving from Hattentwd Rittershoffen.	
2151		121	132151	Tp, Biscuit Red to S-3, En C/A coming on E edge of town in vicin of church.	
2214		122	132214	Rad, 14th Armd to S-3, Report progress of en activity in clear on radio.	
2212		123	132212	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-3, En C/A has broken through "L" Co pos.	
2230		124	132230	Rad, S-2 to CCA, En successful in breaking through in Rittershoffen.	
2233		125	132233	Rad, 14th Armd to S-3, Reports en C/A came into Rittershoffen from NE and E. 3rd Bn unable to hold in vicin of church but were falling back and reforming behind Fondell's tanks which were holding.	
2230		126	132230	P, CO AT Co to CO 315, Reports AT Plat Ldr returning from Rittershoffen reports 3rd Bn in good order when he left and apparently had situation under control. Also that two (2) en tanks had been knocked out.	
2245		127	132245	Tp, Biscuit Red to S-3, Report all quiet in town	
2247		128	132247	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, Troops in Hatten report half-track moving E to W in draw N of Hatten.	

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2317		129	132317	Rad, 14th Armd to S-2, Report on situation every ten (10) mins if line holds. If break through, report amount.	
2319		130	132319	Rad, 14th Armd to S-2, Asks what is success of an attack.	
	2320	131	132320	Rad, S-2 to 14th Armd, Line has held. Two (2) known en tnks knocked out. Some ground lost. Details later.	
2325		132	132325	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-2, Situation normal. Sending msgr back.	
		133		S-3 Report No 191 issued by 315th Inf 13 Jan 45. See exhibit.	
2340		134	132340	Rad, CO, 3rd Bn. to S-3, Ctr-atkd at 2205 by two (2) or more Tks with flame throwers and small no. of Inf. Some bldgs. which we were occupying were burned. Lines now intact. vehicular movement on rd fr Hatten at 2325. So far as can be determined, we had few losses. Notified CCA, 14th Armd and they added the following: three (3) to five (5) min. arty barrage hit at same time as atk. TF Wahl notified of the above.	
		135		IPW Report of three (3) PW's taken by 2nd Bn. in Hatten. Iden. - Medical NCO Bn. Air Station of 25th AT Bn. (25th PG Div.) Consists of 16 new assault guns (type Guderian) and 4 old ones.	

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		135	(continued)	2nd Co. employed in Hatten completely destroyed in Hatten. 10 TD's - 35th and 119th PG Regts employed in Hatten, elms of ea. still there. One (1) Regt. had 70 dead on 8 or 9 Jan. 12 PAK's, cal. 75, left Hatten to take position up N to protect flank. 25th AT Bn. pulled out of Bitche on the 5 or 6 Jan. rte Wissembourg, Schleithal, Niederlauterbach, Neewiller, Niederroedern, Hatten. Was told by 1st Lt. fr 21st Pz that both 21st Pz and 25th PG Divs. would be relieved after making atk by two (2) Para Divs. Treated 30 American wounded and 4 dead. IPW - 1st Co., 119th PG, 25th PG Div. participated in atk on 9 Jan. Was former Bn. S-1 given Plat. and w/o briefing sent into atk and was capt soon after. Knew very little about other units. As of PM on 12 Jan. Pillbox Aid Station 187337, 3-88 AT 190336, 3-88 AA 216344, 10-2cm multi barreled AA 223341, 1-105 gun 224340, Regt'l CP (119) 225341, Bn. CP & Aid Station 228342, 1-Mk IV Tk 228344, 1-Mk IV Tk 229338.	
2355		136	132355	Rad, 14th Armd to S-3, Four (4) Tks and additional vehs. coming fr E. Instr to lay mines in streets, use bazookas and check positions of TD's.	

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		16	(Continued)	mediately after tks heard, four (4) green flares followed by single green came from vicin church. Still some S/A fire.	
0415		17	140415	Tp, TF to DO, Ammo avlbl at Fighter Baker CP. Lt Hull. CP in Surbourg.	
0416		18	140416	Tp, DO to 2nd Bn, Relayed above to White. (Note to call Rumpf in A.M. to pick ammo up to deliver at least this far. Subsequent arrangements will have to be made to get it to Hatten either on trailer behind tks or on tks themselves when they go back up.)	
0426		19	140426	P, DO to msgr on Blue situation.	
0440		20	140440	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, Neg. Ryan occupied some of bldgs man had left. S/A let up. Occasional arty.	
0445		21	140445	Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, Half-tracks with trailers in to Hatten OK.	
0450		22	140450	Tp, DO to TF, Given above.	
0455		23	140455	Tp, DO to Forage, Given Blue situation.	
0500		24	140500	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, Neg rept.	
0530		25	140530	Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, Half-tracks to go back to Hatten for wounded. To try to get ammo up on that trip.	
0535		26	140535	Tp, DO to Msg C rear for 4 dept.	
0555		27	140555	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, At 0545 tks heard vicin check pts 8 & 11. Arty on them. Another at CR near	

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		8	(Continued)	pulled up and they firing on it. Have men on both sides of rd to intercept it. Have men in barn to rt & will get them on the ball.	
0230		9	140230	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, En Inf continues to be active and noisy. Close contact between forces. En is retrieving two (2) tks knocked out earlier. Arty and mortar fires light.	
0300		10	140300	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, En activity continues along front, trying to infiltrate. Half-track came up with men and unloaded.	
0310		11	140310	Green line in.	
0335		12	140335	Tp, Do to 2nd Bn, Called White on Hatten progress. Caisson with ammo and med supplies went in about 0115. Just returned. No trouble.	
0345		13	140345	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, Still infiltrating on right. S/A fire continues. En fires on bldgs, men move out, then en occupies bldgs.	
0403		14	140403	Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, All men including TD men into Hatten. Holton with party. All under control. No ammo for abandoned M-10. Three-inch naval gun. (40 rnds requested: fifteen (15) HE and twenty-five (25) AP).	
0405		15	140405	Tp, DO to TF. Above to TF including request for ammo.	
0406		16	140406	Tp, Blue to DO, At 0340 tks heard S of town coming from Hatten. Placed arty thereon. Im-	

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0055		1	140055	Switchboard, Line to 3rd Bn. in.	
0100		2	140100	Tp, 2nd Bn. to DO, Lt. Col. Holton at RR station and has started groups infiltrating to -- Hatten. 0035-- "G" Co. repts veh. movement to the NE.	
0120		3	140120	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, Constant moving of Tks and vehs. to NE. Ey has occupied some of bldgs. vacated in atk by the Ey. 68th Armd Inf. rept Tk coming twd position fr SW at 158343. "K" Co. repts Tks moving in fr NE firing auto. -- wpns.	
0125		4	140125	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, At Rittershoffen Tks firing MG moving in fr NE. Much veh. traffic on NE of town.	
0145		5	140145	Rad, 3rd Bn. to CO, 315th Inf., Situation in hand. Lines built up as of 1800. Ey vehs. active in vic. of church. Large quantity of arty WP falling S of Us 156335. Msg. signed - 2358.	
0200		6	140200	Rad, 3rd Bn to DO, OP repts Ey armor is active in northern part of town. Ey Inf. active along front.	
0210		7	140210	Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, Two (2) half-tracks with trailer to go into Hatten. Requested clearance from 48th Tnk Bn. Clearance obtained.	
0230		8	140230	(Rad intercept) "L" Co to NCS, Half-track	

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		27	(Continued)	7 & 9. Harrassing en arty. Not much S/A.	
0557		28	140557	Tp. DO to Forage. Given above. They said every thing is holding.	
0607		29	140607	Mr Harkreader to get TD ammo up to 2nd Bn CP as soon as possible.	
0608		30	140608	Tp. DO to 2nd Bn. Relayed above. Some tie-up with half-tracks.	
0650		31	140650	Harkreader delayed by tire trouble. Be another forty (40) mins. White notified. No longer any hurry.	
0655		32	140655	Tp. TF to DO. Nothing new.	
0700		33	140700	Tp. Blue to DO. En red flare to N midway btwn ck pts 1 & 2. Tks reported NE of church trying to get to church. Arty on them. S/A occasionally.	
0740		34	140740	Tp. Fuller 5 to DO. Patrols did not reach Hatten-Eichelgarten rd. Patrols will go out again. Will find out and let know if TD's are in pos. Given our situation.	
0745		35	140745	Msg C., S-2 to All Units: Password--131200 to 141200, Lost Echo; 141200 to 151200, Echelon Tobruk.	
		36	140745	S-2 Report No 150 issued by 315th Inf on 13 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
0905		37	140905	Tp. 2nd Bn to S-3. Nineteen 2nd Bnmen evacuated from Hatten. Additional vehicular traffic.	

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		37	(Continued)	reported by 3rd Bn at 0730 running E and W in draw btwn Hatten and Rittershoffen.	
0910		38	140910	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-2, Bldgs on S side of main street in 3rd Bn sector are burning. Fire spreading fast. 68th AIB knocked out one (1) SP near center of town. En arty and mortar fire remain hvv. Have been unable to advance today. En attacking from N on W portion of town to cut Kuhlendorf rd. 48th Tk Bn has not been able to advance today.	
0920		39	140920	CO 79 Div visited Regtl CP.	
0915		40	140915	En aircraft ohead. Dropped bomb in area.	
1004		41	141004	CG 79th Div left Regtl CP.	
		42		Report of Capt Fogarty on situation on West Front dated 13 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
1005		43	141005	Tp, SX 315 to 28 Radio. Get 193 radio up here and have tested.	
1014		44	141014	Tp, 28 Radio to S-3. Have direct commo with 3rd Bn with 300.	
1030		45	141030	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3. Not much progress so far. En tank spotted and HE fire being put on it to make it move so our tanks can get at it. Evacuation of wounded during the night was successful. Resupply of ammo and food suggested.	
		46		Oral Instructions issued to Lno Officers by 14th Armd. CCA. at 0900 14 Jan '45. See exhibit.	

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		47		Operations Instructions #19 issued by CCA, 14th Armd Div, on 132200 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
1045		48	141045	(Radio intercept) Capt Pointer to Lt Pry, What street is thick skin in. Reply: Almost to corner.	
1058		49	141058	Bismarck Green line is out.	
1055		50	141055	Rad, (Intercept) from 3rd Bn, En Inf moving W to pt 1.	
1102		51	141102	White line is out.	
1107		52	141107	Engrs laying AT mines in concertina field along front of 2nd Bn 242nd Inf from Coningsbruch 3,000 yds N twd Hatten.	
1117		53	141117	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-3, Situation about the same. Rcvg fire from flame-throwers, arty, mortars and S/A. En tank of flame-thrower type at church. Request air photos of this town.	
1117		54	141117	300 relay station at RR station states he can get Col Holton but is not readable.	
1120		55	141120	White line in, Blue is out.	
1130		56	141130	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, Maj Miller reports he out of contact with Bn and cannot report progress.	
1131		57	141131	Gen Wahl visited Regtl CP.	
1145		58	141145	(Rad 300 intercept) Conversation btwn "I" Co and Capt Pointer: "I" Co reports to Capt Pointer ten (10) Civs and three (3) German in a group. Pointer instructed them that if tried to come through our lines to kill them, otherwise to	

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		58	(Continued)	snipe at the soldiers.	
1130		59	141130	Tp. 242nd to S-2. Consolidated report from 242nd Inf OP: At 131800 several tanks heard moving to E from Hatten. Between 131800 and 140800 light traffic going into Hatten. No arty fire or mortar fire observed during period. Very little S/A fire in Hatten. At 0700 several tanks moved into Hatten.	
1150		60	141150	Tp. CCR S-2 to S-3. Units in Hatten scheduled to atk at 1100. No contact with them since.	
1202		61	141202	Tp. CCR S-2 to S-3. Ey digging weapons emplacements in Hatten at coord 181326 and 195321.	
1203		62	141203	Rad (intercept) Capt Pointer reports situation unchanged, just hvy mortar fire.	
1203		63	141203	Gen Wahl left Regtl CP.	
1210		64	141210	Rad, CO, 315th Inf. to CO, 3rd Bn., Make arrangements to evacuate your wounded fr pt. 5, by displaying Red Cross flag and White flag.	
1225		65	141225	Tp. 2nd Bn to S-3. Trps are pinned down where Harding is.	
		66		Memo #3, Hq. 315th Inf., 12 Jan. 45. (see exb)	
		67		Signal Memo. No. 12, Hq. 79th Div., 13 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		68		Report of Capt. Fogarty Ln-O to XV Corps, Hq. 79th Div., 12 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		69		Training Memo. No. 11, Hq. 7th USA, 17 Dec. 44. (see exhibit)	

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		70		General Court-Martial Orders No. 1, Hq. 79th Inf. Div., 10 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		71		Immediate Report No. 11 (Combat Observations), ETOUSA, 12 Dec. 44. (see exhibit)	
		72		Annex No. 1 to accompany ADM O No. 40, Hq. 315 Inf., 12 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		73		Cir. 119, ETOUSA, 12 Dec. 44. (see exhibit)	
1300		74	141300	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, No contact. Will try to establish contact by change in relay station.	
1410		75	141410	Rad (Intercept), 3rd Bn., 315th Inf., En C/A same position as last night. Request arty fire.	
1440		76	141440	Tp, 311th FA (Capt. Freeman) to S-3, Inquired about atk. Given info in msg. #75.	
1445		77	141445	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, Situation unchanged. Expect to make contact with "A" shortly.	
	1550	78	141550	Tp, Col. Schriver to General Wahl, Situation in Rittershoffen critical and rep'd approx. strength of the 3rd Bn. as 388.	
1600		79	141600	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, Situation unchanged. CCR 6 ordered them to button up where they are.	
1614		80	141614	Line in to IPW.	
1626		81	141626	Rad (intercept), Msg going from Fowl 5 to Fowl 6, Make no further advance tonight. Tie in first. Put out avlbl mines. Msg timed-- 1605.	

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1700		82	141700	Tp, Lt Walker to SX 315, Army advises to expect attack tonight or tomorrow morning on entire Corps front. (All Units advised.)	
1900		83	141900	Tp, S-3 to Maj Miller to be relayed to Col Holton, Col Hudleson considers Col Holton in command of alltroops in town.	
1920		84	141920	Tp, 2nd Bn S-1 to S-3, Supplies for 2nd Bn in Hatten left CP area.	
1915		85	141915	Tp, Lt Walker to S-2, Tnk moises heard in Aschbach. One TOT placed in Aschbach but didn't seem to stop noisesso sending another. At least two (2) PW's taken in Ingolsheim by 222nd. Members of 1st Alarm Bn of Hammel Grp.	
		86		S-3 Report, Hq. 315th Inf., 14 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
2030		87	142030	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, Ey activity. Called for a normal barrage.	
2030		88	142030	Rad, 3rd Bn to S-3, Ey activity. Called for a normal barrage.	
2030		89	142030	Rad (Intercept), 3rd Bn to 14th Armd, An Ey Tk vic. chruch.	
		90		Overlay to Accompany Unit Report #192, Hq. 315 Inf., 14 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
2100		91	142100	Tp, CCR, 14th Armd to S-3, At instigation of the 14th Armd, directed S-2, 242nd Inf. to incorporate a rd blk on E end of Niederbetschdorf.	

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		91	(continued)	To check traffic in and out of town.	
2130		92	142130	Tp. Cn. Co. to S-3, Two (2) fire missions at 2130. One at 182338 and one at 100 yds right 100 yds short of Conc. 1235.	
2130		93	142130	Rad (Intercept), 14th Armd to 3rd Bn., Continue atk, rept hourly on the hour.	
2135		94	142135	Tp. 242nd Inf. to S-3, Condition is red.	
2140		95	142140	Tp. Cn. Co. to S-3, Fired two (2) missions - one 100 yds left 1235, other just E of church in Rittershoffen.	
2145		96	142145	Tp. 242nd Inf. to S-3, Few vehs. intermittently going fr Hatten to SE.	
2145		97	142145	Tp. Cn. Co. to S-3, Btry three (3) rds at 176-335. Obsvd fire.	
2145		98	142145	Tp. SX, 2nd Bn. to S-3, "E" Co. being hit hard fr NE by Tks and Inf. Stundwiller - Hatten rd. Three (3) Bns. arty now firing including 240's.	
2200		99	142200	Tp. Cn. Co. to S-3, Btry two (2) rds fired on the following Concs. 178338, 179334, 178336, 178335, 179336 and 179333.	
2230		100	142230	Tp. TF Wahl to S-3, Undetermined number of Tks moving twd Hatten fr Buhl. Info to 2nd Bn.	
2233		101	142233	Switchboard, 2nd Bn. line in.	
2245		102	142245	Tp. 3rd Bn to S-3, Intend to harass the Ey at these times: 142309, 150217 and 150606.	
2310		103	142310	Tp. 242nd Inf. to S-2, 242nd OP repta light veh. traffic going E fr Hatten.	

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0008		1	150008	Tp. 242nd Inf. to DO, Repts traffic coming out of Hatten are Trks. No track vehs. Using both rds. Cn. Co. and 310th FA notified.	
0015		2	150015	Switchboard, 3rd Bn. line still out.	
0016		3	150016	Tp. 2nd Bn to DO, Expect to have a wire to "Holton" (2nd Bn) soon.	
0020		4	150020	Tp. TF Wahl (Capt. Holbrook) to DO, States the Ctr-atk on "E" Co. has slackened. Report fr the 14th Armd.	
0030		5	150030	Tp. 3rd Bn to DO, Arty obsr. firing on all pts. of "E" Co.	
0040		6	150040	Tp. 3rd Bn to DO, Repts track movement to the NE. 3rd Bn. plans diversionary fire by MG, mortar and arty at different times during the night.	
0053		7	150053	Tp. Col. Holton to DO, Gave his position the same as this morning. "E" Co. was hit by Tks and Inf. "E" Co. forced out by burning bldgs. TF Wahl notified.	
0120		8	150120	Tp. 3rd Bn., 313th Inf. to DO, Repts veh. movement back of Buhl.	
0150		9	150150	Tp. TF Wahl to DO, PW fr Hatten - 1st Co., 20 Para Regt., 7th Para. Div. Company of 100 men other three (3) Companies in the vicinity. Commanded by and known as the Erdmann Div. Calls himself the Victor of Arnheim.	

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0155		10	150155	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, Vehicular activity, nothing else.	
	0158	11	150158	Tp, DO to 2nd Bn., Gave 2nd Bn. PW info in msg. #9.	
0213		12	150213	Tp, TF Wahl to DO, "E" Co. Ctr-atk by three (3) Tks fr the N and one (1) Tk fr the E, unknown amount of Inf. Arty wounded many Ey Inf. quiet since 0130.	
0250		13	150250	Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, Repts they have a civilian who was trying to get thru the front line. IPW notified.	
0320		14	150320	Tp, 242nd Inf. to DO, Request return of two (2) TD's which left about 2300. Above matter given to TF Wahl.	
0404		15	150404	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, "Quiet".	
0411		16	150411	Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, "Quiet".	
0500		17	150500	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, "Quiet".	
0530		18	150530	Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, 2nd Bn. being atkd by flame-throwing Tks along main street of town. Have lost several houses.	
	0535	19	150535	Tp, DO to TF Wahl, 310th FA, 242nd Inf. and 14th Armd, Notified of atk on 2nd Bn.	
0540		20	150540	Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, Being atk by Inf., Tks and Ey arty being used.	
0548		21	150548	Switchboard, 3rd Bn. line out.	
	0600	22	150600	Msg. C., S-2 to All Units, Password as follows: 151200 to 161200, Sofia - Victoria, 161200 to	
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		22	(continued)	171200, Palace - Farce.	
		23		S-2 Report # 151, Hq. 315th Inf., 14 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
0609		24	150609	3rd Bn notified of atk by 2nd Bn.	
	0635	25	150635	Tp. DO to 2nd Bn., No additional information.	
		26		Military Security, Hq. 6th USA, 9 Dec. 44. (see exhibit)	
		27		Administrative Instructions No. 5, Hq. 79th Div., 30 Dec. 44. (see exhibit)	
		28		G-2 Periodic Report, Hq. VI Corps, 5 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		29		G-2 Periodic Report, Hq. VI Corps, 6 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		30		G-2 Periodic Report, Hq. VI Corps, 8 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		31		G-2 Periodic Report, Hq. VI Corps, 10 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		32		G-2 Periodic Report, Hq. VI Corps, 13 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		33		Daily Periodic Report #116, Hq. VI Corps Arty, 2 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		34		Daily Periodic Report #117, Hq. VI Corps, 3 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		35		Daily Periodic Report #118, Hq. VI Corps Arty 4 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		36		Daily Periodic Report #119, Hq. VI Corps Arty, 5 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	

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		37		Daily Periodic Report #120, Hq. VI Corps, 6 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		38		G-2 Periodic Report, Hq. 79th Div., 13 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		39		Semi-Monthly Counter Intell. Report No. 8, Hq. 7th USA, Per. 15 Dec. 44 to 1 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		40		G-2 Report, Hq. 7th USA, 2 Jan. 45. (see exb)	
		41		G-2 Report, Hq. 7th USA, 3 Jan. 45. " "	
		42		G-2 Report, Hq. 7th USA, 4 Jan. 45. " "	
		43		G-2 Report, Hq. 7th USA, 5 Jan. 45. " "	
		44		G-2 Report, Hq. 7th USA, 8 Jan. 45. " "	
		45		G-2 Report, Hq. 7th USA, 11 Jan. 45. " "	
		46		G-2 Info Bulletin No. 43, Hq. 7th USA, 4 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		47		Target Area Analysis No. 14, Hq. 7th USA, 4 Jan. 45. (see exhibit).	
0745		48	150745	Tp. SX, 2nd Bn to S-3, Situation in Hatten not much change. "F" Co. hit five (5) times by flame throwing Tks since 0500, losing ground on E end of main street house by house. Request flame throwers and four (4) blks TNT charges to be prep. CCR will furnish transportation to carry materials to Hatten.	
0800		49	150800	Tp. S-3 to Bible (304th Engrs.), 30-four (4) lb. blks TNT w/caps and long fuze be sent to CP as soon as possible. (continued)	

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		49	(continued)		Also request 20 flame throwers accompany Engrs. Advised flame throwers were under control of Div. Chemical Officer.	
	0805	50	150805		Tp. S-3 to Div. Chemical O. Request 20 flame throwers be sent to our CP. Reply - All flame throwers are in Cl IV Dp in Epinal and are -- avail. at that place.	
	0808	51	150808		Tp. S-3 to TF Wahl - 3. Request 20 flame throwers be ordered fr Cl IV Dp in Epinal at once to be delivered at this CP for use in Hatten. Request approved.	
0815		52	150815		Switchboard, Cn. Co. line in.	
0845		53	150845		Switchboard, 2nd Bn. line in.	
	0900	54	150900		Tp. S-3 to Div. Am. O. Request three (3) doz. frangible grenades to be delivered this Hq. Check to see if available and where stocked.	
0915		55	150915		Tp. Div. Am. O to S-3. No frangible grenades available in the 7th Army. We can prep. special Molotov self ignited cocktails. S-3 request about 20 to 30 to be prep. and sent to CP. Also request that special flame thrower fuel shells for Cn. be supplied. Regt. will send two (2) men and ten (10) HS Cn. shells to Div. Am. O for filling.	
0930		56	150930		P. Engr. O to S-3. Reptd at CP with special para. demolition three (3) lb. blks. These were fwd to the 2nd Bn.	

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1000		57	151000		P, General Wyche CG 79th Div. and General Wahl TF Cmdr. visited in the Regt'l CP. Left - 10-45.	
1105		58	151105		Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, Repts supplies taken into Hatten during the night.	
1143		59	151143		P, Col. Schriver leaving for the CP of CCR, 14 Armd.	
1150		60	151150		P, Lt. Polk to S-3, Info fr CCR, 14th Armd - Friendly forces have withdrawn fr NW portion of Hatten. Ey has maintained considerable pressure on "F" Co., 315th Inf. on main rd in W side of Hatten. CCR, 14th Armd plan for today is to fire WP on eastern edge of Hatten in -- attempt to burn it out. Then friendly Inf. attempts to move into burned out area. Time of execution depends on visibility.	
1230		61	151230		Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, 2nd Bn repts comparatively quiet in Hatten.	
1250		62	151250		Tp, 813th TD's to S-2, Capt. Mc Millian now Cmdg. Co. "B", 827th TD's and checking in wds where he has two (2) M-18's. 3rd TD will be pulled out of the wds tonight. Will try to get into Hatten tonight with supplies. Has checked four (4) TD's in Rittershoffen, one (1) out of order.	
1255		63	151255		P, Col. Schriver returned to the Regt'l CP.	
1245		64	151245		Tp, S-4 to S-3, CCR, 14th Armd made arrangements to get six (6) flame throwers (continued)	

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		64	(continued)		and pole charges up to the 2nd Bn., 315th Inf. tonight.	
1245		65	151245		P, Ln-O (Lt. Taylor) to S-3. The following info fr CCA, 14th Armd: Ey continue giving strong resistance in the Rittershoffen area but has not been aggressive during the period. Small arms fire continued but mortar and arty fire slackened. Med. arty fire on Kuhlendorf increased. Visibility lowered fr 100 yds in the early morning to 50 yds at noon.	
1420		66	151420		P, Col. Schriver leaving for the 3rd Bn. CP.	
1435		67	151435		Tp, SX, 2nd Bn to S-3. Transmitted msg. recd fr CCR to unit in Hatten to atk 1500 with obj. cutting EW rd N of position.	
1505		68	151505		P, Col. Schriver returned to the Regt'l CP.	
1510		69	151510		P, General Wahl TF Cmdr. visitor in the Regt'l CP. Left - 1545.	
1545		70	151545		P, Col. Schriver and Maj. Hoover leaving for CCA, 14th Armd.	
1550		71	151550		Tp, SX 2nd Bn to S-3. Lost radio contact w/trps in Hatten. Armd reported Germans atkd Hatten from E at 1450. TF Wahl notified.	
1615		72	151615		Tp, SX 2nd Bn to S-3. Radio contact regained with 2nd Bn troops. Col Holton reported situation desperate. Ey atking Hatten in strength. CCR has been notified of situation.	
1625		72	151625		Tp, TF Wahl S-3 to S-3, 47th Tk Bn is moving	

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		72	(Continued)		up twd Hatten to repel German atk. (Notified 2nd Bn.)	
1651		73	151651		Tp, S-3 to TF Wahl. Contacted TF about situation in Hatten. Had no further information.	
1658		74	151658		White line is in.	
1705		75	151705		Tp, from S-3 CCR in response to request for assistance in Hatten, remaining tank element is being committed. Should be moving now.	
1710		76	151710		Tp, TF Wahl to S-2, 2nd Bn 313th has been ordered to move w/o delay from present area by mtr to Niederbetschdorf where they will await further orders. They will be atchd to 315th. Advance party on way now.	
1750		77	151750		Tp, 3rd Bn to SX, Receiving very heavy mortar and some arty fire. Given to TFW.	
1830		78	151830		Blue line is out.	
1830		79	151830		Bismarck Green line is out.	
1815		80	151815		Tp, TF Wahl to CO 315, 2nd Bn 313th to remain in E end of Niederbetschdorf. Push recon to E and be prepared to C/A to E with or w/o tks.	
1830		81	151830		Co 2nd Bn 313th arrived and receiving orders.	
		82			IPW Report from 14thArmd. See exhibit.	
1850		83	151850		P, CO 315 to CO 2nd Bn 313th, Reconoiter to East prepared to C/A. Be prepared to occupy behind mine field of CCR if necessary. (Overlay of mine field and our own troops furnished.)	

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In	Out					
		84			Report of IPW team #168 issued by 242nd Inf Regt on 15 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
2030		85	152030		Rad, 3rd Bn to S-3, No change. Everything okay.	
2043		86	152043		Rad (Intercept) Peters to Miller. Sending ammo report included info that "situation was unchanged."	
2050		87	152050		Two lines to rear are out.	
2050		88	152050		Tp, Cn Co to S-3, Reports two volley concentration on 163337.	
2000		89	152000		P, Lno to S-3, Reported 2nd Bn, 313th, was de-trucking. Trucks return rte changed to re-trace rte of approach.	
2010		90	152010		Tp, Biscuit Red to S-3, Inf situation in Hatten fairly quiet. Tnks attempting a double envelopment. Quite confused due to darkness.	
2103		91	152103		Tp, Gen Wahl to CO 315, Our Inf got to con pt 1235. No en tnks in atk.	
2100		92	152100		Tp, S-3 to TF Wahl 2, Request that TF Wahl be required to furnish overlays showing locations of mine fields layed in area for information of all units in area.	
2205		93	152205		Tp, 2nd Bn 313th to S-3, Unit closed in new area at 2130.	
2200		94	152200		Rad, S-3 to 3rd Bn, Have Stern's men work this way at once.	

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0040		1	160040		Tp, 2nd Bn up to where main north, south rd runs into Hatten.	
0225		2	160225		Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, "L" Co heard voices of Germans in arear of church, also two (2) tnks at same location. Three (3) more tanks farther down street. Arty observer is adjusting fire on them.	
0315		3	160315		Tp, TF Wahl to DO, Three (3) outposts of Funnel "K" Co attacked S of Hatten in edge of woods. One outpost repulsed attack, other two not heard from. Reported to duty officer at Fuller.	
0315		4	160315		Tp, TF Wahl to DO, Vehicular traffic (tanks) heard in Foustfell Roschwoog, Roppenheim, Neuhausel. Reported to Duty Officer at Fuller.	
0410		5	160410		Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, Neg rept. Artillery fire placed on en as reported at 0225.	
0520		6	160520		Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, One (1) PW gave up. Member of 192nd Pz Gren Regt, 5th Co, 21 Pz Div. He says 5th and 7th Co is in that town.	
0545		7	160545		Tp, Fizz Baker frwd to DO, About 0400 a ten (10) to twenty (20) man en patrol reported repulsed at 3rd Bn area. This was reported by Beaver's boys, relayed to 2nd and 3rd Bns.	
0600		8	160600		Tp, TF Wahl to DO, Reports a tracked-vehicle moving twds Hatten from the E. (Relayed to 2nd Bn.)	

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In	Out					
0650		9	160650		Tp, TF Wahl to DO, 14th Armd captured PW's in Hatten. Number not determined. Request Lt. Kopfler interrogate them immediately and report to Col Dohrmann.	
0700		10	160700		Tp, TF Wahl to DO, 313th reported three (3) tnks moving from Buhl to Hatten. (Relayed to 2nd Bn.)	
0700		11	160700		Line to 3rd Bn out.	
0728		12	160728		(Radio intercept) Someone in 2nd Bn (Six Able) reported six (6) tnks had come into view. (Did not say whether friendly or enemy.)	
		13			S-2 Report No 152 issued by 315th Inf on 15 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		14			Memo regarding Destruction of Ordnance Materiel in Event of Imminent Capture in Combat Zone, issued by 79 Inf Div on 10 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		15			President's Message to the Congress of the United States, Issued by 7th Army on 10 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
0830		16	160830		Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, Thirty (30) rnd concentra- tion of 105mm landed in E of Niederbetschdorf.	
0905		17	160905		P. Lno (Lt Polk) to S-3, 3rd Bn reports quiet so far but hear tank milling around vicin of church. Had to give up one bldg last night by virtue of its destruction.	

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0935		18	160935		Blue line is in.	
0955		19	160955		Cmdg Gnrl 79 Div visited Regtl CP.	
1014		20	161014		Gen Wahl visited Regtl CP.	
1015		21	161015		Tp, IPW to S-2, PW who deserted to 3rd Bn was member of 5 Co., 192 Regt, 25 Pz Div. Says that 6 and 7 Cos are in Rittershoffen. Came from Wissembourg as replacement three (3) days ago with sixty (60) other men. Unit strength low, thirty (30) to fifty (50) men. No other replacements, although night of 15 Jan, one-hundred (100) paratroops came into Rittershoffen. His Co badly mauled. Last mission was to defend house at all costs with four (4) men. (PW not too smart and figures often did not jibe.)	
1047		22	161047		Cmdg Genrl 79 Div left Regtl CP for CCR CP.	
		23			G-2 Periodic Report No 186 issued by 79 Div on 12 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		24	161047		G-2 Periodic Report No 188 issued by 79 Div on 14 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
1100		25	161100		Blue line is out.	
1115		26	161112		CG 79th Div returned to Regtl CP.	
1115		27	161115		CO 1st Bn arrived at Regtl CP.	
1120		28	161120		CG 79 Div left Regtl CP.	
1135		29	161135		Tp, Fuller 2 to S-2, Neg rept.	
1143		30	161143		Line to Blue is in.	
1210		31	161210		Switchboard, 3rd Bn, line in.	
	1210	32	161210		P, General Wahl TF Cmdr. leaving the Regt'l CP.	

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1240		33	161240	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, Ey armor at conc. 200337 & 208337. Info to TF Wahl.		
1245		34	161245	Rad [Intercept] fr 2nd Bn., Slight Ctr-atk to the right.		
1300		35	161300	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, Ctr-atk prev. reptd under control.		
1315		36	161315	Tp, SX, 2nd Bn to S-3, Ey plane strafed Hatten. TF Wahl notified.		
		37		Operations Instructions No. 23, Hq. CCA, 14th Armd, 14 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)		
1340		38	161340	P. Col. Schriver and Maj. Hoover leaving the Regt'l area for CCA, 14th Armd.		
1345		39	161345	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-2, The following msg. fr CCA, through the 3rd Bn. Ey armor clm atk Hatten fr the NE at 179339. 3rd Bn. sector receiving hvy mortar and arty fires. Mortar fire incl. 120mm and 180mm the latter fr three (3) to six (6) rnd conc.		
1350		40	161350	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, No info of atk.		
1405		41	161405	Tp, IPW to S-2, Civilian reports woman in a German uniform machine gunner in Rittershoffen, if possible would like to interrogate her.		
1450		42	161450	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, Request info concerning friendly units to N and S of us. Info given.		
1520		43	161520	Tp, 242nd Inf. to S-3, Red alert.		
1523		44	161523	P. General Wyche CG 79th Div. visitor in the Regt'l CP. Left - 1533.		

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1530		45	161530	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, No progress.		
	1535	46	161535	Tp, S-3 to TF Wahl, Given situation.		
1555		47	161555	Tp, S-3 to 304th Engrs., Request 150 - $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. blks. TNT with 30 sec. fuze and fuze lighter to be delivered this Hq. tonight.		
1615		48	161615	Ey aircraft over area.		
1632		49	161632	Bismarck Green line is in.		
1638		50	161638	Bismarck Red line is in.		
1650		51	161650	Tp, 1st Bn to S-3, 1st Bn closed into area at 1600. TF Wahl notified.		
1746		52	161746	Tp, TF Wahl to CO 315, En atking Hatten from NE, Inf and self-propelled.		
1748		53	161748	White line is out.		
1758		54	161758	Tp, 242nd Inf reports considerable pressure on rt flank in vicin of Konigsbruch Farms.		
1755		55	161755	Tp, S-2 to TF Wahl, Given situation.		
1814		56	161814	Rad (Intercept) Capt Potts to Maj Miller, Reports "For our part, situation unchanged."		
		57		G-2 Periodic Report No 189 issued by 79th Div on 15 Jan '45. See exhibit.		
1850		58	161850	Rad (Intercept) 2nd Bn Frwd CP to 2nd Bn Rear Cp, Have two (2) AT guns sent up as soon as possible.		
1855		59	151855	Tp, Fuller 2 to S-2, Reports that one (1) en patrol hit Fuller front at three (3) different places, or three (3) different patrols probing. Patrol (or patrols) made up of fifteen (15)		

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		59	(Continued)	men with three (3) auto wpns, remainder rifle-	
				men. One outpost came in but will be reesta-	
				blished again after little arty.	
1854		60	161854	Blue line is out.	
1900		61	161900	CO 315 left Regt'l CP for TF Wahl, after which	
				he will go to Fortune CP.	
1915		62	161915	Tp, SX 2nd Bn to S-3. Current situation prac-	
				tically same as it was last night in Hatten.	
1930		63	161930	Forageline is out.	
1938		64	161938	Rad, 3rd Bn to S-3, Over 600 rnds of assorted	
				en mortar and arty fire in RR area past three	
				(3) hrs. Tank observed SE of church. Light	
				alert but no aggression--Timed 1815. Received	
				at 1925.	
1950		65	161950	Msg by Lno, CO 315 to Lt Col Eason, Relieve those	
				elements of 94th Cav (Rcn) & Eng (125 - C Co)	
				by el of your command, and release them to Maj	
				England. They revert to 14th Armd at once.	
2035		66	162035	Tp, Ln-O to S-3, Ln-O to Div. being held at	
				TF Wahl. Will go to Div. tomorrow morning	
				and will contact us prior to departure.	
2100		67	162100	Tp, 1st Bn to S-2, neg rept.	
2105		68	162105	P, Col. Schriver returned to the Regt'l area.	
2115		69	162115	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, Supply party at RR station	
				below Bittershoffen held up by MG fire 800 yds	
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2130		70	162130	Tp, 242nd Inf. to S-2, 242nd Inf. has not obsvd MG but has units alerted to pick up and place arty thereon.	
2200		71	162200	Tp, 1st Bn to S-3, Repts 15 rd arty barrage estimated 75 cal.	
2130		72	162130	P, Lt. Holzworth CO, Co. "B", 2nd Chemical Bn. reprd to the Regt'l CP.	
2240		73	162240	Tp, IPW 242nd Inf. to S-2, Two (2) pris. taken fr 25th Pz Div., 125th Armd Rcn Bn., 2nd Co. Capt. Forstfeld at 161600 by "G" Co., 242nd Inf. Unit Strength 125th Armd Rcn Bn. - two (2) Co's plus one (1) supply Co., one (1) Hq. Co. 2nd Co. has 120 men. 1st and 2nd Co. have 40 Volks Wagons ea., 8 LMG's, 6 81mm mortars and 4 HMG's. Supply Co. had 3 or 4 Volks Wagons and three (3) trks, Hq. Co. 10 to 12 Volks Wagons and 3 to 4 big rad. transmitter Cars. There was one (1) Gustav-Apparat in ea. Co., frequency 2500 - 3500, last known to be 2700 and changed every day. Bn. had no hvy wpns, no tks, no rcn cars and no armd rcn cars. Bn. is newly organized, two (2) months old, at Wilfeld-Rhon-Mountains. Arrived Wissembourg 6 Jan., Niederroderm 10 Jan. CP 2nd Co. at 225318.	

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2100		74	162100	Tp, TF Wahl to S-3, Flame throwing Tk will be available on call in Kuhlendorf.	
2115		75	162115	Tp, SX to S-3, 304th Engrs., Tk Dozer would leave for this area at 0700 the morning of the 17 Jan.	
2230		76	162230	Tp, TF Wahl Cmdr. to CO, 315th Inf., Instrd 2nd Bn., 313th Inf. to rept to CO, CCR to make plans in conjunction with CCR in event of breakthru. 2nd Bn., 313th Inf. not to be employed anywhere except by order of General Wahl.	
2310		77	162310	Tp, 242nd Inf. to S-3, Repts white flare, 315 degs. fr CP, 1000 yds distance.	
2250		78	162250	P. Col. Schriver leaving the Regt'l area for CP, CCR, 14th Armd.	
2305		79	162305	P. Col. Schriver returned to the Regt'l area.	
2325		80	162325	Tp, TF Wahl to S-2, Rad (Intercept), Occupying position held yesterday. Atk E and N beaten back. Consolidating defensive position. Receiving intermittent arty and mortar fire. Large caliber characteristic of burst indicates Ey using delay fuse. Casualties comparatively hvy. Ey especially aggressive. Hvy vehicular movement on ridge N of town. Traffic both ways. Inf. activity reported center of town. Request our arty heavily interdict main RJ thru this town and ridge to N. Time signed 2120.	

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		80	(continued)	2230--14th Armd repts especially hvy vehicular traffic at main rd in Hatten. 2325--3rd Bn., 313th Inf. repts activity at 1236. Arty unit. Veh. traffic Aschbach to Stundwiller. 2325----	
		81		242nd Inf. repts veh. traffic Forstfeld N. Intell. Annex, Hq. 315th Inf., 16 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		82		Overlay, Hq. 315th Inf., 16 Jan. 45. (see exb)	
		83		S-3 Report, Hq. 315th Inf., 16 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		84		Overlay to Accompany Unit Report, Hq. 315th Inf. 16 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
2325		85	162325	Tp. 1st Bn to S-3, 2300--1st Bn. repts occasional mortar and arty fire.	
2359		86	162359	Tp. S-2 to 1st Bn., 1st Bn informed and told to disseminate that 14th Armd OP is located in -- pillbox 159344.	

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IN	Out				
0030		1	170030	Tp. G-3, 14th Armd to DO, Mortar and arty with delayed fuse falling on our positions. Hvy veh. traffic E and W on ridge N of town. Personnel in same vic. 2320.	
0020		2	170020	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, Ey active and Tks moving about.	
0036		3	170036	Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, 400 yds fr RR station twd Hatten 2nd half-track of three (3) hit by bazooka. Considerable S/A fire. The other half-tracks made it into station. Half-track that was hit was loaded with wounded. Armd Inf. org. patrol to investigate.	
	0015	4	170015	Tp, DO to 1st Bn., Inquired if they had received Col. Karlstad order. "Yes".	
	0017	5	170017	Tp, DO to 3rd Bn., Inquired if they had been included in distribution of order. They were not, but would be sent one by Ln-0.	
0115		6	170115	Tp, 242nd Inf. to DO, 1st and 3rd Bns., 242nd Inf. will send contact patrols to railroad.	
0200		7	170200	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, Repts trps digging in to the N. Veh. movement to the front.	
0315		8	170315	Tp, 1st Bn to DO, neg rept.	
0440		9	170440	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, One (1) shell landed in "I" Co. area, 11 casualties.	
0445		10	170445	Tp, TF Wahl to DO, 3rd Bn., 313th Inf. repts sound of Tks and Inf. at 177350 at 0347. Ey repairing bridge at 1237.	

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0330		11	170330	P. Two (2) fwd obsr. of Co. "B", 2nd Chemical Bn. reptd to the Regt'l CP. Guided to the 1st and 2nd Bns.	
0430		12	170430	Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, Neg rept. Half-track recovered that was lost earlier in the evening.	
0545		13	170545	Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to DO, Repts five (5) track vehs. 158343 in orchard N of Rittershoffen.	
		14		Overlay to Accompany Operation Instructions, Hq. 315th Inf., 16 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
	0600	15	170600	Msg. Cen., S-2 to All Units, Password as follows: 171200 to 181200, Fisk - Debris, 181200 to 191200, Deck - Star.	
0615		16	170615	Tp, TF Wahl to DO, 3rd Bn., 313th Inf. repts Tks moving fr Hatten in direction 183343. Arty placed on the above.	
0700		17	170700	P. Lt. Morris 25th Tk Bn. reptd at this CP at 0700 that Trk with fluid for flame thrower did not arrive. He is waiting at Schwabwiller for it to join him.	
0705		18	170705	Tp, SX, 1st Bn. to CO, 315th Inf., "B" Co. reptd in town. TF Wahl and CCA, 14th Armd notified.	
		19		Operational Instructions, Hq. 315th Inf., 16 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		20		S-2 Report No. 153, Hq. 315th Inf., 16 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	

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0715		21	170715	Rad (Intercept) fr the 1st Bn., Tell 5 that 2 is in town.	
0725		22	170725	Tp, SX, 1st Bn to DO, Tks that are to precede Harvey have started to move out.	
0800		23	170800	Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to SX, 315th Inf., Inquired about the situation. Given same.	
0800		24	170800	Tp, 310th FA to S-3, Inquired about the situation. Given same.	
0805		25	170805	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-2, Hvy fire in return of demonstration. Occasional burp and mortar fire in Hatten. The latter an intercept msg.	
0810		26	170810	Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-2, Will send down four (4) MP's to help the IPW.	
0810		27	170810	Tp, 3rd to SX, 315th Inf., 4.2 mortar obsr. cannot make contact.	
0810		28	170810	Tp, SX, 1st Bn to S-3, No further info on 1st Bns. progress.	
		29		Report of Capt. Fogarty Ln-O to XV Corps, 14 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		30		Memo., Hq. 79th Div., 10 Jan. 45. (see exb)	
		31		G-2 Report, Hq. 7th USA, 15 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
0840		32	170840	Tp, CCR, 14th Armd to CO, 315th Inf., Hatten is being atk by Tks and Inf. fr E. CCR is sending Tks around to meet it.	
0845		33	170845	Tp, SX, 1st Bn to S-3, Recd rad. msg. that "B" Co. was having rough time in edge of town. No rept on "A".	

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0845		34	170845	Rad (Intercept) fr 1st Bn., Harvey is holding up because "B" is not in a very good place. They might have to use Harvey for that.	
0850		35	170850	Tp, 310th FA to S-3, Inquired about the situation. Given same.	
0850		36	170850	P, General Wyche CG 79th Div. visitor in the Regt'l CP. Left - 0905.	
	0855	37	170855	Tp, SX, 315th Inf. to SX, 1st Bn., Inquired if he had contact w/68th AIB. No word but would find out and let us know. SX, 1st Bn. repts "A" Co. on side of hill.	
0900		38	170900	Tp, S-3 to Co. "B", 2nd Chemical Bn., Checked to see if comm. to FO w/3rd Bn. was intact. Instrd that it was.	
0905		39	170905	P, SX, 315th Inf. leaving for CCA, 14th Armd.	
		40		IPW Report, Hq. 315th Inf., 16 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
0905		41	170905	Switchboard, 3rd Bn. and Co. "B", 2nd Bn. Chem. mortars out.	
0915		42	170915	Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-3, Friendly Tks to our N recd direct fire fr orchard at 169348.	
0920		43	170920	P, General Wahl TF Cmdr. visitor in the Regt'l CP. Left - 0930.	
0920		44	170920	Tp, 242nd Inf. to S-2, En atk Hatten fr the E at 0730 w/Inf., Bazookas and Tks, strength unknown.	

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0915		45	170915	Tp. SX, 1st Bn to S-3, "B" Co. still meeting considerable resistance. "A" Co. being held up temp. until situation is cleared up.	
0930		46 47	170930	P. SX, 315th Inf. returned to the Regt'l CP. Overlay Check Points for Troop Locations Over Rad., Hq. 2nd Bn., 315th Inf., 14 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
0945		48	170945	Tp. G-2, TF Wahl to CO, 315th Inf., Rad. intercept the Germans state we had a surprise breakthrough at 0830.	
0950		49	170950	Tp, 1st Bn to S-3, No further info on the situation.	
	0955	50	170955	P. Col. Schriver leaving the Regt'l area for the 3rd Bn., 315th Inf. in Rittershoffen.	
1010		51	171010	Tp. CG, 79th Div. to S-3, Inquired about the situation. Given our situation at this time.	
1015		52	171015	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-3, Repts "B" is in one (1) to three (3) houses N end of town. Init. met very hvy fire, rad. KO'd, fire still intense. "A" Co. and Tks are not moving.	
1020		53	171020	Tp. General Wahl to S-3, CO, 2nd Bn., 313th Inf. rept to 315th Inf. CP to receive the following instr: Contact Engr. w/242nd Inf. prep. position extending fr left "I" Co., 242nd Inf. across to RR station S of Rittershoffen from that point dependent on situation in Rittershoffen at end of period.	

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		53	(continued)	2nd Bn., 313th Inf. be prep. to defend fr edge of wds N to high ground to close right flank.	
1045		54	171045	P. Col. Schriver returned to the Regt'l CP.	
1050		55	171050	Rad. (Intercept) fr the 1st Bn., "A" Co. near hill 178. "B" Co. out of contact. "C" Co. still back in reserve.	
		56		G-2 Periodic Report, Hq. 79th Div., 9 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		57		G-2 Periodic Report, Hq. VI Corps, 14 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		58		Military Security, Hq. 6th USA Group, 9 Dec. 44. (see exhibit)	
		59		Operations Memo. No. 1, Hq. 7th USA, 1 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		60		Maintenance and Operation of Mtr. Vehs., ETOUSA, 5 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		61		Weekly Directive, Hq. 7th USA, 6 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
1050		62	171050	P. Col. Karlstad, CCA, 14th Armd visitor in the Regt'l CP. Left - 1130.	
1103		63	171103	Tp. SX, 2nd Bn to S-3, Position not too good. Firing our own mortars on Ey.	
1115		64	171115	Tp. S-4 to SX, 315th Inf., We have 500 HE light and 100 HE hvy mortar am. Stated all grenades, M3 am. and 60mm am. is in a critical state.	
1115		65	171115	P. General Smith 14th Armd Div. visitor in the Regt'l CP. Left - 1124.	

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1100		66	171100	Tp, TF Wahl to S-2, "G" Co., 222nd Inf. PW fr 1st Co., 192nd. Patrol 60 men in Co. dug in 166343. Mission - hold line. Bn. unknown.	
1130		67	171130	Tp, TF Wahl to S-2, Two (2) PW's taken by "B" Co. evac. to CCA are fr 3rd Co., 192nd, strength 80 at beginning. Heard Para. in town. Hot food at night fr Trk house to house. 3rd Co. located NE outskirts of Rittershoffen. Were on outpost duty.	
1130		68	171130	P, Tk dozer repts at Regt'l CP.	
1130		69	171130	Tp, TF Wahl to S-2, 250 to 300 yds SW of 1214. Through Div. fr 310th FA. Friendly Tks on hill 200 yds E of 1214. Ey arty is very light. No armored Ctr-atk. Our armor Ctr-atking fr S in Hatten.	
	1130	70	171130	Msgr. (Maj. Cavin) fr CO, 315th Inf. to CO, 1st Bn., Co. "A", 48th Tk Bn. will atk fr N and clear streets to form junction with 68th AIB. Co. "A", 315th Inf. will atk with Co. "A", 48th Tk Bn. and secure section "A" and make junction with 68th AIB. Maj. Cavin will coord. atk with you. Try to get another rad. to "B" as you atk.	
1150		71	171150	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, 2nd Bn repts hvy harassing fire requested for two (2) hours on EW rd N of the 2nd Bn. Do not know location of the Ctr-atking Tks.	

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1215		72	171215	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-2, Increase in direct fire and incoming fires prin. mortar.	
1220		73	171220	Tp, 242nd Inf to S-2, Rept fr TF Wahl, 1st Bn. 242nd Inf repts sound of two (2) 88mm guns located somewhere on a line Min d' Hunspach to Oberseebach. Flight of shell S to SE approx. six (6) secs.	
1225		74	171225	Rad (Intercept) Conversation btwn Bn Sunray (1st Bn) and Harvey: Harvey will atk at 1300 from N. Will come down to Horseshoe of red rd. Main trps just S of Pt 6 on large map. Will try and relieve Bonebreak.	
1231		75	171231	Rad, SX 2nd Bn to S-3, Rad msg from Hatten states their trps counter-attacking to regain lost ground.	
1240		76	171240	P. Lno with Chemical Mortars to S-3. Reports he has rcvd army order that HE ammo is not to be fired until proper precautions are made to insure safety of crew. Sandbags are on way.	
1213		77	171213	Msg C., CO CCA 14 Armd to CO 315, Friendly unit in Hatten reports ey S/A and MG fire on Hatten from woods vic 167349. Concentration of 88mm guns area 175344-175347 -170348- 170343. Troop movement on Buhl-Stundwiller roads into Hatten. Ey dug in along Hatten-Buhl and Hatten-Stundwiller roads from Hatten to the Seltz-Bach river.	

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IN	Out				
1307		78	171307	Tp. S-3 to CO AT Co. Request sand bags and TNT blocks be given to 4.2 Chemical Co so that mortars could be properly sand bagged and could continue to fire. Officer from Chemical Co to pick them up immediately.	
1300		79	171300	Rad (Intercept) 3rd Bn 3 calling "Bob", Request harassing fire at coord 161340 and cease firing at 1330. Capt Pointer (who apparently listening in) said he had given fire order.	
1310		80	171310	Rad (Intercept), Harvey pushing off.	
1315		81	171315	Tp. S-2 TFW to S-3. 14th Armd tanks crossed RR S of Hatten and E of main rd leading S out of Hatten killed estimated 200 ey inf dug in. Two (2) ey tanks reported knocked out.	
1333		82	171333	Tp. Capt Kanzler to SX 315, Stated Harvey under way, but had not moved far.	
1347		83	171347	Tp. CCA to S-3. Two (2) med tnks working with 68th Armd Inf KO'd by bazookas. No casualties.	
1410		84	171410	P. Forage 6 to CO 315. Reports two (2) tnks leading Harvey's Co. two (2) tnks following, and rest apparently overwatching.	
1408		85	171408	Forage Six arrived at Regtl CP.	
1415		86	171415	Forage Six and CO 315 leaving Regtl CP for 48th Tk Bn HQ.	
1413		87	171413	Tp. Capt Cansler to S-3. Says that Capt Harvey reports only two (2) tnks will go with him into town.	

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IN	Out	Number			
1420		88	171420	Tp. Forage 5 to SX 315. At 1235 Cabin tnks that were on rd cutting mission w/drew slightly but still in position to cover rd. At 1224 one (1) of Cabin's tnks with Eason fired on bldg near church at camouflaged white tank.	
1435		89	171435	Tp. SX 315 to 1st Bn. Told Capt Cansler to get info frwd to push atk both tk and Inf. He had no info on situation at that time.	
1420		90	171420	Tp. CG Called about situation. Given situation at this time--1420.	
1448		91	171448	P, CO 315 (by Lno) to S-3, The following msg was sent by radio to Co "A", 48 Tk Bn. and "A" Co 315 Inf as follows: Both Sunrays, yours and the other unit's, insist that the attack go as planned. Move at once.	
1430		92	171430	Tp. Fondell through Forage 2 to S-3, Force cutting rd reports arty and mortar fire. The force on N of Fondell reports mortar fire intense. Able move very slowly. Fire wagon now in use. Firing assault gun at mortar btwn Ck pts 15 and 23. Have clearance from Bismarck Clue CO.	
1445		93	171445	Tp. Fortune through Forage 2 to S-3, Reports smoke screen from 183347 to 16713464.	
1510		94	171510	P. From Forage 3 (CCA) through LN-O to S-3, Co "A" 48th Tk Bn and Co "A" 315th Inf moving	

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		94	(Continued)	on Rittershoffen. Have encountered hvy arty and S/A. Further delay in getting atk underway due to coord. Finally got off at 1405 and met intense arty and S/A. (Info to Fortune 3)	
1510		95	171510	Gen Wahl visited Regtl CP.	
1440		96	171440	Tp. CCR to S-2. CCR reports on written msg frm CO, 2nd Bn 315th saying situation remains serious. Trps were C/A to regain four (4) or five (5) houses lost in the morning. Request info on situation, also 610 and 300 radios (1400)	
1445		97	171445	Tp. CCR to S-2. Have reoccupied bldgs lost this morning.	
1520		98	171520	Tp. CO 315 to SX 315. Put all possible mortar and arty fire on horseshoe N of church.	
1445		99	171445	Tp. Forage 3 through Fondell to SX 315. En smoke screen from 183347 to 167346. Confirmed at 1515 by Fondell.	
1521		100	171521	Tp. 242nd Inf to SX 315. Four (4) en tnks emerged from woods at 188325 and were engaged by light and medium arty. Reported three (3) knocked out.	
1531		101	171531	Gen Wahl left Regtl CP.	
1600		102	171600	Rad. Co. "A", 48th Tk Bn. to S-3. One (1) Plat. edge of town, no contact with "B". Unable to do much. "A" Co., 315th Inf. well cut-up.	

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1600		103	171600	P. General Wahl visited CP and directed CO, 2nd Bn., 313th Inf. to prep. additional pos. 1000 yds W (along creek) of Rittershoffen - Fme d' Rittershoffen rd. Suppl. pos. S to 145307. S-3, 242nd Inf. directed to institute rcn along S bank stream extending E fr 145307 315th Inf. I & R Plat. Ldr. instrd to institute rcn of rte Niederbetschdorf - Hagenau, through forest.	
1610		104	171610	Tp, 1st Bn to S-3. Two (2) med. Tks betn 1214 RJ and bldgs.. lost one (1) Tk, believe our Inf. got into bldg. although cannot verify.	
	1615	105	171615	Tp, SX, 315th Inf. to S-4, Ordered to get all excess transportation S of Moder R. Instrd him to include Wymer in these instr. Per order of General Wahl.	
1620		106	171620	Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-3, Two (2) Co's moving fr N reptd betn pts 3 and 4. Have not contacted "B" Co.	
1620		107	171620	Tp, CO 4.2 Chemical Co. to S-3, All guns are sandbagged and ready to fire.	
1620		108	171620	Tp, CCA, 14th Armd to S-3, 1515--Atking force passed 10 moving into town and receiving AT, HE, mortar, MG, and S/A fire. 1533--Cannot determine situation due to smoke, dust and firing. One (1) Plat. of Harvey in town opposite 5, rest of Co. badly cut-up. "B" not contacted	

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IN	Out				
		108	(continued)	CO, Co. "A", 48th Tk Bn. does not believe that "A" can hold gains. 1550--Situation betn Rittershoffen and Hatten unchanged. 1620--CO, CCA request def. plans for night.	
1645		109	171645	Tp. 2nd Bn., 313th Inf. to S-3, Four (4) Armd Engrs. at 140384 took a German pris. yesterday, believed to be an NCO and arty obsr.	
	1700	110	171700	Msg. Cen., CO, 315th Inf. to CO, 1st Bn., All remaining parts "A" and "B" of 315th will be infiltrated into northern end of Rittershoffen immediately after dark and both companies will stay. Two (2) Tks "A", 48th will remain atchd to 1st Bn., 315th. Remainder of "A", 48th withdraw to last nights position at once.	
1700		111	171700	Tp. CO, CCA, 14th Armd to S-3, Withdrawal of remaining Tks might need arty fires. Maj. Cavin will request same.	
1700		112	171700	Tp. 242nd Inf. to S-3, 3rd Bn., 242nd Inf. rept that eight (8) Ey Tks followed by 40 Inf. came out of wds at 190323. TD's and Arty was placed onlt. WP time and posit destroyed two (2) Tks burned, one (1) stopped, five (5) remaining tks withdrew to wds covered by darkness and defilade.	
	1720	113	171720	Msg. Cen., CO, 315th Inf. to CO, 68th AIB, CO, 1st Bn., 315th Inf., CO, 68th AIB will use all available force to hold present front line	

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		113	(continued)	positions throughout the night. Coord. def. fires with CO, 1st Bn., 315th Inf.	
1700		114	171700	Tp, CO, CCA, 14th Armd to SX. Concerning def. fires of arty and mortars. Will be arranged through 1st and 3rd Bns. on call.	
	1715	115	171715	Tp, S-2 to 2nd Bn., Given situation on 1st Bn. 1st Bn. repts Ey Inf. alert and aggressive. Arty fires decreased but mortar fire still hvy.	
1730		116	171730	P. CO, 1st Bn., 315th Inf. and CO, Co. "A", 48 Tk Bn., Rept "A" Co., 315th Inf. was unable to reach Rittershoffen, due to intense mortar and MG fire. Mortar fire estimated 300 rnds in 30 mins. Arty fire also hvy. Germans used KO'd Tks as pillboxes. Condition "B" Co. unknown. One (1) Tk KO'd by AT gun, which was abandoned in face of the assaulting Inf. "A" Co. and remaining Tks ordered to withdraw.	
1745		117	171745	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-2, Repts arty fire heaviest yet placed in Rittershoffen, high percentage of 150 caliber, mortar fire also ext. hvy. Considerable 81mm, 120mm and 12 to 15 rnds of 180mm. Inf. wide awake and aggressive. SX believes trps are fresh and that convoys came to Rittershoffen freq. during the night in spite of arty fires. Harassing fires fr Tks repts.	
	1805	118	171805	Tp, S-2 to G-2, TF Wahl, Info in msgs. 115, 116 and 117.	

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1910		119	171910	P. Col. Schriver leaving the Regt'l CP for meeting at TF Wahl and then to see General Smith, 14th Armd.	
1915		120	171915	Rad (Intercept), CO, 1st Bn. to "C" Co., Would like to know how much "A" Co. got out? Porter, Greegor and Zimmerman, in "A" Co. Hq. total of 60 men.	
2000		121	172000	Tp. S-3 to 1st Bn. 1st Bn instructed that "C" Co outpost and patrol from right flank of 62 AIB at 148345 SE to contact Armd Engr Flatat 153332. Contact patrol to be of squad strength and will leave left of sector on even hours during thenight.	
2030		122	172030	Tp. 1st Bn to S-3, Reports elements of "A" Co now returning to CP area. Approx strength-- fifty (50) men.	
2100		123	172100	Tp. TF Wahl to S-2, Reports from 313th hvy vehicular traffic from Hatten to Buhl.	
2103		124	172103	CO 315 returned to Regtl CP.	
2130		125	172130	Tp. 310th FA to S-2, At 2020 considerable vehicular and tracked traffic from Hatten to Buhl. No vehicular traffic in Aschbach or Stundwiller.	
		126		S-3 Report No 195 issued by 315th Inf on 17 Jan '45. See exhibit.	

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2215		127	172215	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-2, Since 1900 very quiet. Only harassing fires. This is decided decrease over previous nights. Routine vehicular activity NE of town is conspicuous by its absence.	
2252		128	172252	Tp., Red S-3 to SX, Called for instructions. Was told to hold at all cost. Improve "C" Co positions, rest and reorganize.	
		129		S-3 Report No 195 issued by 315th Inf on 17 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
2255		130	172255	Tp, 242nd Inf to S-2, Vehicular movement S through Kauffenheim.	
2322		131	172322	Tp, 242nd Inf to S-2, Tnks participating in atk on Sessenheim were from 1st Bn, 22nd Tk Regt, 21 Pz Div.	
2327		132	172327	Tp, TF Wahl to S-2, 313th reports tracked vehicular movement from Hatten to Rittershoffen.	
2332		133	172332	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-2, Reports have not heard vehicular activity. Will check on it. Fires recently are direct fire wpns and some mortar fire.	
2340		134	172340	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, RR station S of Rittershoffen was hit by bazooka, three (3) or four (4) rnds. Two (2) men passed outpost, were not challenged. Came close to house, fired bazooka and disappeared. Some S/A fire at two men.	
2342		135	172342	Bismarck White line out (Can still reach them through Bingo White.)	

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IN	Out	Number			
0110		1	180110	Tp. 1st Bn to DO, Neg rept. Quiet.	
0112		2	180112	Tp. 3rd Bn to DO, Neg. Occasional sound of act.	
0210		3	180210	Tp. 3rd Bn to DO, Tk to left front throwing in an occasional rnd.	
0300		4	180300	Tp. 3rd Bn to DO, Neg. Very quiet.	
0305		5	180305	Tp. 2nd Bn to DO, Leading elements of 94th Rcn in four (4) houses on South and three (3) houses on South side of Rittershoffen-Hatten rd at junction of rd to Stundwiller.	
0306		6	180306	Tp. 1st Bn to DO, Neg rept.	
0400		7	180400	Tp. 3rd Bn to DO, Neg rept.	
0500		8	180500	Tp. 3rd Bn to DO, Neg rept.	
0510		9	180510	Tp. 1st Bn to DO, "C" Co states occasional sound of arty and some S/A but generally quiet.	
0525		10	180525	Tp. DO to TF Wahl, Given situation generally quiet. Some arty and S/A reported by "C" Co.	
0555		11	180555	Tp. 3rd Bn to DO, Tank firing at "L" Co CP. Some arty fire falling in Rittershoffen.	
0600		12	180600	Tp. 2nd Bnto DO, Neg. Occasional sound of arty falling near CP.	
0615		13	180615	Tp. Forage to DO, Some 75 falling on 3rd. Checked with 1st to see if tnks attached to these were firing into the town. Checking and will call back.	
0703		14	180703	Tp. 1st Bn to DO, "C" Co patrol made contact, returned without incident. Increase of arty	

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		14	(Continued)	in "C" Co area in last hour.	
		15		S-2 Report No 154 issued by 315th Inf on 17 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
0715		16	180715	Tp. 3rd Bnto DO, Neg rept. Some arty. One (1) rifle shot in last hour.	
0716		17	180716	Tp. 1st Bn to DO, Reports no men have returned from "B" Co.	
0740		18	180740	Tp. TF Wahl to DO, The en attacked in Hatten at approx 0630 with one tank and some infantry. Arty scored hit on tank and then registered on 17783360. Now it has quieted down again. Four (4) tnks reported by Bingo vic 179347.	
0750		19	180750	Tp. DO to 2nd Bn. Given above info.	
0805		20	180805	Tp. 3rd Bn to S-2, Neg rept. Quiet since 0700 except for few mortar rnds.	
0805		21	180805	Tp. 2nd Bn S-2 to S-3, Supply train reached 2nd in Hatten at 2300 yesterday.	
0810		22	180810	Tp. 3rd Bn 6 to S-2, Requested info on general situation. Reported situation quiet in 3rd Bn.	
		23		G-2 Periodic Report No 190 issued by 79 Div on 16 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		24		Report of Capt Fogarty Ln Off to XV Corps on situation on Western front on 16 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		25		Operations Instructions #25 issued by Hq CCA, 14th Armd Div, at 172200 Jan '45. See exhibit.	

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		26		Operational Instructions issued by 315th Inf on 16 Jan '45. See exhibit. (Five copies)	
		27		Daily Bulletin No 10 issued by 904th FA Bn on 15 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		28		Overlay to Accompany Operations Instructions issued 16 Jan '45. See exhibit. (Three copies)	
		29		S-2 Periodic Report issued by 315th Inf on 15 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		30		Operations Instructions No 24 issued by CCA 14 AD at 161900 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		31		Attack of Rittershoffen on D-day issued by Hq CCA 14 AD on 15 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		32		Sketch of ck pts used by 3rd Bn 315th Inf. See exhibit.	
		33		Report of Capt Fogarty, Ln Off to XV Corps on situation on Western Front on 15 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		34		Daily Periodic Report #127 issued by Hq VI Corps Arty on 13 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		35		Memorandum issued by Hq 14th Armd Div on 16 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		36		Beachhead News issued by VI Corps on Tuesday, Jan 16, 1945. See exhibit.	
0912		37	180912	"C" Co, 125th Engrs, have Hq at Hohwiller. Mines at Reimerswiller. Call "Fountain" for Engrs.	

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		38		Overlay showing German tanks knocked out by 3rd sqd 3rd Plat Fuller AT Co issued by Fuller on 12 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		39		Sketch showing German tnks KO'd by 3rd sqd, 3rd Plat, Fuller AT Co, issued by Fuller.	
0928		40	180928	Tp. S-2 to G-2, Given situation here. Told Sessenheim under atk by 2nd Bn 21st Para Regt. C/A being prepared.	
0945		41	180945	Tp. CCA to S-2, Reports en tnks at 167347 at 0830. AT guns at 158342 and 159343. Direction of fire W and N. Trench system same area.	
1015		42	181015	Tp. Forage 2 to S-2, Fountain reports three (3) tnks, one (1) half-track, and Inf pulling out of smoke at 175346 at 0935. Reported by Frwd Obsr.	
1010		43	181010	Written Msg. CO 315 to CO 68 AIB, 68 AIB is rlvd of attachment to 1/315 effective 181100 Jan 1945. CO 68 AIB will assume responsibility for defense of ground now held, to hold at all costs: Contact on L (W) to be maintained with 62 AIB by 68 AIB. Time--1010.	
1025		44	181025	Msg C., S-2 to All Units: Password--181200 to 191200 Deck Star: 191200 to 201200 Poco Telephone.	
1040		45	181040	Gen Wahl visited Regtl CP.	
		46		Overlay showing location of minefields laid by 125th Armd Engr Bn. See exhibit.	

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1050		47	181050	Gen Wahl left Regtl CP.	
		48		Overlay showing 4-2 Fires and en info as	
		49		rptd by 14th Armd Div, 18 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		50		S-3 Periodic Report No 17 and overlay issued by	
		51	181055	CCA, 14th Armd Div on 10 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
1055		52	181000	Chart showing Arty Check Points. See exhibit.	
1000				White line back in.	
				Msg C., S-3 CCA to CO 315 and 48, CCB patrol of	
				plat med tks and plat lt tks operating on axis	
				157357-167350 with plat med tks overwatching	
				from vic Oberroedern.	
1105		53	181105	Tp, TF Wahl to S-2, 3rd Bn of 20th Para Regt	
				identified in Rittershoffen. Interrogation	
				report later.	
1128		54	181128	Tp, 242nd Inf to S-2, 2nd Bn of 242nd Inf still	
				quiet. Sessenheim according to their reports	
				is cut off.	
1131		55	181131	CO 315 leaving Regtl CP for CCA, CCR and 242nd	
				Inf.	
1202		56	181202	Tp, G-2 to S-3, 313th Reports what they believe	
				to be friendly tnks and Inf approaching Ritters-	
				hoffen from N.	
1200		57	181200	Tp, TF Wahl to S-2, Large number of troops in	
				Motheren, Munchhouse and Schaffhouse. Saw no	
				troops in Niederroedern.	
1200		58	181200	Tp, Lt Kopfler to S-2, One (1) PW from 3rd Bn	

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		58	(Continued)	train (313383), 20 Para Regt, 7th Para Div. Captured at 164353. Bn consists of 9, 10, 11 and 12th Cos. Bn train is in Motheren. 600 men in Bn. Thirty-five (35) men in Bn train. Four (4) men including a non-com sent into Rittershoffen to recover veh. Veh wouldn't start so left it. While returning in their own car went into ditch and were stuck. Got out and continued on foot and were captured. Two (2) killed, one (1) wounded, and one (1) captured. Prisoner was in Rittershoffen from 2030 to 2230 last night. While there heard Paratrooper say that a communications plat which was captured by us was recaptured by en along with fifteen (15) GI's. Reported that two (2) nights ago some arty fell in Motheren.	
1215		59	181215	P. Col. Schriver returned to the Regt'l CP.	
		60		S-3 Report, Hq. 69th Armd FA Bn., 12 Jan. 45. (see exhibit).	
		61		S-3 Report, Hq. 69th Armd FA Bn., 11 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		62		Daily Bulletin No. 9, Hq. 904th FA Bn., 11 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		63		Daily Bulletin No. 8, Hq. 904th FA Bn., 10 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		64		Cir. No. 2, Hq. 79th Div., 12 Jan. 45. (see exhibit).	

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IN	Out				
	1300	65	181300	Tp, S-3 to CCA, 14th Armd. Neg rept.	
		66		Battle Experiences, ETOUSA, 24 Dec. 44. See exb.	
		67		Battle Experiences, ETOUSA, 25 Dec. 44. " "	
		68		Battle Experiences, ETOUSA, 26 Dec. 44. " "	
		69		Battle Experiences, ETOUSA, 27 Dec. 44. " "	
		70		Battle Experiences, ETOUSA, 29 Dec. 44. " "	
		71		Battle Experiences, ETOUSA, 30 Dec. 44. " "	
		72		Battle Experiences, ETOUSA, 1 Jan. 45. " "	
		73		Battle Experiences, ETOUSA, 2 Jan. 45. " "	
		74		Battle Experiences, ETOUSA, 3 Jan. 45. " "	
		75		Battle Experiences, ETOUSA, 4 Jan. 45. " "	
		76		Battle Experiences, ETOUSA, 5 Jan. 45. " "	
		77		Battle Experiences, ETOUSA, 9 Jan. 45. " "	
		78		Battle Experiences, ETOUSA, 11 Jan. 45. " "	
		79		Battle Experiences, ETOUSA, 12 Jan. 45. " "	
	1330	80	181330	Tp. SX to S-1. Put Lt. Ryan Co. "L", 315th Inf. promotion to Captain in immediately.	
1345		81	181345	Tp. CO, CCA, 14th Armd to S-3, 48th Tk Bn. had been alerted for rapid movement in event of opposition cracking in Rittershoffen and to be prep. to enter town from N and S to assist in over running town.	
1400		82	181400	Tp. CO, 3rd Bn to S-3, Patrol worked E to houses next to church, no fire. When Plat. followed up came under hvy S/A fire. Killed seven (7) or eight (8) Ey and capt. one (1) MG, now working on twd church. (continued)	

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IN	Out	Number			
		82	(continued)	One (1) Plat. will go twd the S to atk SE portion of town starting at 1330. One (1) Plat. also working NW from church on W side of road, working to N. Ey mortar fire considerably lessened. This is a regular hourly report. Notified CCA, 14th Armd.	
1405		83	181405	Tp. CCA, 14th Armd to SX. Reminding us that arty and mortars are under our control in R town. Alerted 48th Tk Bn. in case any Krauts should try to get out.	
1420		84	181420	Tp. CO, CCA, 14th Armd to CO, 315th Inf., No change in our situation.	
1435		85	181435	P. General Wahl TF Cmdr. visitor in the Regt'l CP. Left - 1500.	
1455		86	181455	Tp. 3rd Bn to S-3, "I" Co. patrol worked vic. church in Rittershoffen twd SE part of town. Received hvy fire fr white house E of church. Our Tks were put in position to fire on bldg. and were successful in igniting bldg. Several Ey withdrew fr bldgs. and came under fire of our trps. Another patrol is working on W side of street. W of church twd N received fire fr brick bldg. in rear of church. TF Wahl - 2 notified.	
	1500	87	181500	Tp. S-3 to CCA, 14th Armd, Patrol action continues in town. Small gains and considerable fire fr houses behind and around church.	

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		87	(continued)	Considerable decrease in flat. traj. fire.	
1510		88	181510	Tp. TF Wahl to S-3, Red alert.	
1525		89	181525	Tp. 310th FA to S-3, Repts Ey smoking town of Oberroedern.	
1525		90	181525	Tp. CO, CCA, 14th Armd to S-3, Suggest atachment of "B" Co., 315th Inf. to 68th AIB in Rittershoffen. This suggestion in my belief that it may increase his interest in that unit, which now is believed still in his sector of town. Suggestion very favorable to CO, 315th Inf. CO, 68th AIB notified.	
1540		91	181540	Tp. 310th FA to S-3, Repts smoke in Oberroedern has now drifted away.	
1545		92	181545	Tp. 310th FA to S-3, Request clearence to fire on 15863432 betn 1800 and 1900. Request granted.	
1545		93	181545	Tp. SX, 2nd Bn to S-3, Atk fr E on Hatten with Tks and Inf. Arty has stopped the Atk.	
1610		94	181610	Tp. Jrn Clrk to Forage 2, Given info in item 93 above. Also told that we had no further info on progress in Rittershoffen.	
1653		95	181653	Blue line is out.	
1720		96	181720	Tp. Jrn Clrk to Forage 2, Harassing 105 arty fire vicin of 148344.	
1715		97	181715	Tp. Forage to S-2, Foster fired on a Nebelwerfer at 218348. Huge fire burning at 218345.	

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1720		98	181720	Tp. Forage 3 to S-3, OP reports arty fired on fifteen (15) en tks NE of Rittershoffen. One (1) tnk known to have been hit.	
1740		99	181740	Tp. S-2 to Biscuit Red, Sapphire Baker (4.2 mortars) reports air bursts coming from rear. At 1742 four (4) rnds in pairs. 155 Cal.. az 4800 mills from 13583440. Can hear gun go off. Landing on chemical mortars.	
1803		100	181803	Tp. 2nd Bn to S-2, Receiving direct fire from W.	
1808		101	181808	CO 315 leaving Regtl CP for IPW.	
1818		102	181818	Tp. 2nd Bn to S-2, Verifies report of large fire. (See item 97 above)	
1830		103	181830	Tp. Jrnl Clrk to S-2, Increased arty fire due to patrol activity. Patrol determined that en positions in vicin of church still strongly held. En casualties--eight (8) known dead. More but remainder indefinite.	
1825		104	181825	Tp. Scatter to S-3, Rounds heard overhead were Pozit prematures. Air observer reported four (4) ey vehs knocked out NE of Rittershoffen by our arty. Also located a nebelwerfer at coord 218347 and was either knocked out or driven out by arty.	
1835		105	181835	CO 315 returned to Regtl CP.	
		106		Daily Bulletin No 11 issued by 904th FA Bn on 16 Jan '45. See exhibit.	

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IN	Out				
		107		Daily Bulletin No 12 issued by 904th FA Bn on 17 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		108		Memo on violation of Radio Security issued by 315th Inf on 18 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		109		Memo on organization of bazooka staulking teams issued by 315th Inf on 18 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
1945		110	181945	Rad (Intercept) White Bn reports on atking in force from E end of Hatten. Arty being placed.	
1957		111	181957	Tp. Saphire Baker (4.2 mortars) to S-2. Reports five (5) air bursts over chemical mortar positions. (Biscuit Red notified.)	
2005		112	182005	Tp. Jrnl Clrk to Forage 2. Given info in Item 110 above. Also told harassing arty and mortar fires fell during the last hour.	
2020		113	182020	Tp. SX, 3rd Bn to S-3, Hearing half-track or Tk movement to NE of town. Placing arty fire on location. 3rd Bn. receiving hvy arty.	
2030		114	182030	Tp. SX, 2nd Bn to S-3, No further info from activity in Hatten.	
2030		115	182030	Tp. 48th Tk Bn to S-3, Three (3) missions exec. by Tks with me today, blowing up bldgs. etc. Good results. One (1) Tk recd one (1) rnd long range bazooka fire near right track. No casualties, damage minor. Friendly Inf. were with Tks, which accounted for bazooka being fired at over 100 yd range. (continued)	

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		115	(continued)	Plat. Ldr. reports one (1) Ey Tk in his sector KO'd. Also several Germans. Forward progress both places has been little if any. Time signed.	
2045		116	182045	Rad, 2nd Bn in Hatten to 2nd Bn. Pressure from NE-E-SE, now letting up, and Holton has let up on arty.	
2100		117	182100	Tp, 1st Bn to S-3, neg rept.	
2135		118	182135	Tp, SX, 2nd Bn to S-3. All quiet in Hatten.	
		119		S-3 Report & Overlay, 18 Jan. 45. (see exb)	
2300		120	182300	Tp, 1st Bn to S-3, neg rept.	
		121		IPW Report, Hq. 315th Inf., 18 Jan. 45. Info in IPW Report given to 1st, 2nd, 3rd Bns. and 310th FA. (see exhibit)	
		122		P. CO, CCA, 14th Armd to Ln-O (Lt. Polk), Operational Instructions: Continue under instructions issued last night orally. 315th Inf. maintain contact should Ey withdraw and take maximum toll with arty and all other wpns.	

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0001		1	190001	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, Generally quiet on front. Some Inf movement in NE part of Hatten. Harassing fire on it. Supply trains returned to Niederbetschdorf. Evacuated seventeen (17) wounded from all units in town of Hatten.	
0001		2	190001	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-3, Ten (10) man patrol encountered "I" Co strong pt. Fired upon by BAR from strong pt., dispersed patrol. Believe some dead, not able to verify until morning.	
0025		3	190025	Tp, Forage 2 to DO, Wishbone identified 22nd SS Pz Gr Regt of 10th SS Pz Gr Div. One (1) PW from 1st Co. Co CP located at 125145. PW states Co crossed Rhine on 10 Jan.	
0114		4	190114	Tp, 1st Bn to DO, Neg rept.	
0120		5	190120	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, neg rept.	
0210		6	190210	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, neg rept. Very quiet, no arty fire received.	
	0215	7	190215	Tp, DO to Cn. Co., Cn. repts fire mission 177-83360 Tks and Inf. Obsr. is adjusting fire in wide area.	
	0220	8	190220	Tp, DO to 2nd Bn., 2nd Bn repts situation quiet. No info on Cn. Co. fire mission. Last target known was Tks and Inf. at 0100.	
	0225	9	190225	Tp, DO to TF Wahl, Given our situation at this time.	
0300		10	190300	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, neg rept. Very quiet, two rds arty received during period.	

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0300		11	190300	Tp, 1st Bn to DO, neg rept.	
0403		12	190403	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, 0345--Neg rept. except for some S/A and MG fire heard.	
0500		13	190500	Tp, 1st Bn to DO, neg rept.	
0600		14	190600	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, Very quiet throughout the night. Two (2) rds arty recd during this period.	
	0600	15	190600	Msg. C., S-2 to All Units, Password as follows: 191200 to 201200, Poco - Telephone, 201200 to 211200, Test - Paul.	
0600		16	190600	Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, neg rept.	
0615		17	190615	Tp, TF Wahl to DO, TF Wahl received rept from 310th FA that obsr. in Hatten had called for hvy conc. to break up Inf. massing for believed ctr-atk. After fire mission was completed obsr. reptd all quiet again.	
0620		18	190620	Tp, 2nd Bn to DO, neg rept. Given info in msg. #17.	
0700		19	190700	Tp, 1st Bn to DO, neg rept.	
0700		20	190700	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, All quiet, except for a little burp gun fire.	
		21		S-2 Report #155, Hq. 315th Inf., 18 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
0720		22	190720	Tp, TF Wahl to S-3, 313th repts vehs. moving fr Aschbach to Stundwiller with headlights on.	
0725		23	190725	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-3, Sounds as if Hatten is receiving large amount of arty.	

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0735		24	190735	Tp. 2nd Bn to S-3. Repts hvy Tk fire coming fr Rittershoffen on ridge N of Hatten.	
	0737	25	190737	Tp. S-3 to TF Wahl. Notified of situation in Hatten.	
0730		26	190730	Tp. 3rd Bn to S-3. Green flare to E of Rittershoffen. Tk firing to S fr horseshoe into "L" Co. Quiet elsewhere in sector.	
0745		27	190745	Tp. 2nd Bn thru 3rd Bn relay to S-3. Called for all NB N-E and S of Hatten. Fire being called for.	
0804		28	190804	Tp. General Wahl to SX. Alert Gooding to do his job.	
	0806	29	190806	Tp. SX to CO. 2nd Bn., 313th Inf.. Alerted.	
0820		30	190820	Tp. CO. 315th Inf. to CO. 48th Tk Bn.. Alert to move around to assist Hatten.	
	0820	31	190820	Msgr., CO. 315th Inf. to CO. 68th AIB. Make every effort to push on out to N from your present position to contact "B". 315th Inf. Hvy combat patrols to feel out ahead. take and occupy all possible ground to your front. Rein. will be avail. to help secure any gains made. Coord. with 3rd Bn., 315th Inf. in your efforts, and go all out to contact "B".	
0830		32	190830	Tp. CO. CCA to S-3. Situation in Hatten - Flat. traj. fire hvy fr N and hvy S/A fire fr E and SE. Ey now smoking CCR OP area 187325. Pressure fairly hvy. Holton has not committed hvy veh. yet.	

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0843		33	190843	Tp. 2nd Bn thru 3rd Bn to S-3. Call for fire in draw NE and SE of Hatten.	
	0845	34	190845	Tp. SX to 310th FA. Given info in msg. #33.	
0850		35	190850	Tp. 2nd Bn to S-3. Repts arty appears to be containing Ey atk. Request that our armor facilitate there move to battle area so they can enable them to destroy the Ey.	
0905		36	190905	Tp. 2nd Bn to S-3. Arty fire around Hatten has been cut down. Increasing fires in draw. No Tks arrived as yet.	
	0910	37	190910	Tp. S-3 to Co. "B", 2nd Chem. Bn.. Institute rcn for possible gun position in wds S of Hatten.	
0915		38	190915	Tp. 2nd Bn to S-3. Incase comm. goes out, continue arty fires. S-3, 2nd Bn. repts situation bad. Armor has not arrived as yet.	
0915		39	190915	Msgr.. CO. CCA 14th Armd to CO. 315th Inf.. CO. 315th push patrol operations in Rittershoffen, gaining ground and area as rapidly as our superior fire power enables you to seize bldgs. now held by the Ey. Use the remaining Rifle Co. of 1st Bn.. 315th, which is not now committed, to exploit without delay any advantage gained. 48th will be prep. for prompt movement to the flanks or for further reinf. of trps in Rittershoffen to exploit advantages gained by the Inf.	

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		39	(continued)	Flying conditions permitting FA air operations CO, 315th Inf. should exploit to the full the use of 4.2 mortar and FA in the eastern areas of Bittershoffen and the approaches thereto fr the E and NE.	
		40		Memo No. 4., Hq. 315th Inf., 13 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
0950		41	190950	Tp, 310th FA to SX, "I" Co., 313th Inf. picked up seven (7) PW's from 21st Pz Rcn., 2nd, 4th and 5th Co's.	
0953		42	190953	Tp, 310th FA to S-2, 68th AIB has taken two (2) deserters.	
1030		43	191030	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-3, All quiet except for 150mm arty harassing.	
1030		44	191030	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-3, Light Tk successful in reaching 2nd Bn. in Hatten w/medical supplies. Receiving flat. traj. fire fr ridge N of town.	
1030		45	191030	Tp, S-3, CCR, 14th Armd to S-2, Situation in Hatten quiet now. Light Tk delivered medical supplies requested with Med. Tks covering and placing fire on Hatten. Meds. did not go into town. Three (3) Tks from N and one (1) or two (2) on E (confirmed by 2nd Bn. and arty) now active and firing at our trps. Atk earlier this morning was hand to hand with some Tk support, however Tks could not follow Inf. closely due to a KO'd German Tk blocking street.	

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IN	Out	Number			
1049		46	191049	Rad (Intercept) fr 2nd Bn., 4.2 mortars check comm. Rest of stuff on way up incl. medical supplies. If there is nothing wrong with 32 set turn it on and we will set-up relay station for him.	
1050		47	191050	Tp. SX. 2nd Bn to S-3. Situation quieter in Hatten. CCR rept three (3) Ey Tks in town. Ey Tks were being fired on by us.	
1145		48	191145	Tp. 3rd Bn to S-2. Repts Ey much more alert and aggressive. More mortar fire and med. rate of arty fire. TF Wahl notified.	
1200		49	191200	Periodic report recd fr Rad. intercept station.	
1235		50	191235	CO 315 left Regtl CP to visit Forage 6.	
1255		51	191255	Tp. CO 3rd Bn to SX 315. Called stating that at 1400 he will fire both light and hvy mortars, arty. 4.2 mortars, assault guns to see what he will get in return.	
1310		52	191310	Tp. IPW to S-2. Two (2) PW's taken by 19th AIB from 3rd Co of 35th PG. 2nd and 3rd Cos in position S of Hatten for eight (8) days. Have heard paratroopers are in town. Food is good, casualties light. Have not participated in any atk on 2nd Bn. Bn CP in bunker E of Hatten. No info on withdrawal or relief.	
1310		53	191310	Tp. CO 315 to S-3. Instructed 68 AIB that Fondell will fire tnks N end of Rittershoffen.	

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		53	(Continued)	beyond location of 68 AIB btwn 1430 and 1500. Strong patrol of 68 AIB be prepared to move N after tnk firing ceases in order to exploit any success created by demonstration. In event 68 AIB patrol is successful Bismarck to be notified so that additional Inf can be sent to exploit their success.	
1325		54	191325	Tp. SX 2nd Bn to SX 315. Situation unchanged in Hatten. More fire needed N and far E end of town. Radio in FO's hands now and can call for our fires.	
1333		55	191333	Bismarck Green line is in.	
1335		56	191335	Tp. S-3 to TF Wahl, 3rd Bn & 68th AIB, Info in Items 51 and 53 above.	
1350		57	191350	CO 315 returned to RegtlCP.	
1400		58	191400	Tp. 2nd Bn to S-3, Nothing further to report on 2nd Bn.	
1410		59	191410	Saphire Baker line is out.	
1440		60	191440	P. Forage (Lno) to CO 315. Demonstration by fire postponed because of arty barrage.	
		61		Operations Instructions issued by HQ 79 Inf Div on 18 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
1445		62	191445	Tp. CO 315 to Fool 6. Patrol held up until further orders on account of Fondell's firing.	
1450		63	191450	Tp. TF Wahl to S-2, Two (2) M-10's of Co "A", 813 TD's to report to CCR to go into Hatten tonight.	

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IN	Out	Number			
1458		64	191458	CO 1st Bn arrived at Regtl CP.	
1500		65	191500	P, CO 315 (through Lno) to Fool, Proceed with mission.	
1503		66	191503	Tp, Fool Lno to S-3, Msg cleared to Fool 6.	
1500		67	191500	Tp, 48th Tk Bn to S-3, Gavin finished mission of firing into NW Rittershoffen at 1450.	
				Reported running many en frm woods and bldgs.	
1515		68	191515	Tp, S-3 to Sapphire, Chemical mortars ordered to search heavily area in draw from 164337 to 170339. Target designation--suspected assault gun positions.	
1550		69	191550	Tp, 1st Bn to S-2, "A" Co reports fifty (50) rnds of 105 on pos, Co "C" approx same amount on pos and in Kuhlendorf. Some direct fire included.	
1555		70	191555	Tp, S-3 to Scatter, Chemical mortars report another recurrence of air bursts.	
1550		71	191550	Gen Wahl visited Regtl CP.	
	1610	72	191610	P, General Wahl leaving the Regt'l area.	
1630		73	191630	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-3, Result of demonstration of Tks firing was Ey arty falling in town and to rear of town.	
1635		74	191635	Tp, Co. "B", 68th AIB to S-3, Same as 3rd Bn report. 68th AIB sending out patrol but definite reports on progress not avail. until contact made with Bn. Will call Regt. at that time.	

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	1640	75	191640	Tp, S-3 to CCA, 14th Armd, Given Situation at this time.	
	1655	76	191655	P, Col. Schriver leaving for meeting at TF Wahl.	
		77		Overlay showing Defensive Positions of 2nd Bn CT-3 on 19 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		78		Operations Instructions #26 issued by CCA, 14th Armd on 18 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
1730		79	191730	CO 315 returned to Regtl CP.	
1733		80	191733	CO 315 left Regtl CP for Forage.	
1655		81	191655	Tp, CO, Co. "B", 2nd Bn. (Chemical), to S-3. One (1) Plat. of Co. now in new position.	
1800		82	191800	Situation as of this time - Comm. out w/3rd Bn. No change in 2nd Bn.	
1800		83	191800	P, Cn. Co. (Capt. Clark) to S-3, Special flame thrower am. fired into Hatten. Fire obsvd. some bldgs. and one (1) veh. set-on fire.	
1820		84	191820	P, Col. Schriver returned to the Regt'l area.	
1930		85	191930	Switchboard, Cn. Co. line out.	
1935		86	191935	Tp, Redwood 6 to CO, 315th Inf., Every unit will take special precaution in road movement by Order of the Corps Cmdr..	
1940		87	191940	Tp, 68th AIB to S-3, Rept fr "B" Co. Heard tracked veh. betn Rittershoffen and Hatten. Patrol sent out this afternoon progressed some 75 yds to N and recd intense MG and S/A fire. Returned to area.	

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1945		88	191945	Tp. SX, 3rd Bn to S-3. Heard tracked veh. betn Rittershoffen and Hatten. Firing arty on suspected locations.	
1945		89	191945	Tp. 242nd Inf. to SX, 242nd Inf. sent out a 15 man patrol (three (3) missing and three (3) wounded). They ran into a 50 man German patrol at 204314. Info there was a plat. of German Tks at Forstfeld.	
1948		90	191948	Tp. S-2, 2nd Bn to S-3. All quiet in Hatten at present. Received word that two (2) M-10 TD's have arrived in Hatten.	
2000		91	192000	Tp. S-3 to TF Wahl. Given Info in msg. 87, 88 and 90.	
2025		92	192025	Tp. TF Wahl to S-2. Bingo Blue reports heavier traffic than ever before from Buhl to Hatten.	
2127		93	192127	Tp. Forage 2 to S-2. Bingo Blue reports considerable vehicular traffic from Buhl to Hatten.	
2130		94	192130	Tp. Sapphire Lno to S-2. Reports armor approaching them on rd from Niederbetschdorf to Kuhlen-dorf.	
2135		95	192135	Sapphire Baker line is out.	
2138		96	192138	Tp. Sapphire Lno to S-3. Reports armor cited in Item 94 above was passed by AT gun so apparently friendly.	
2120		97	192120	Tp. Sapphire to S-3. Called to check whether to continue harrassing fires during night.	

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2135		98	192120	Tp. S-3 to CO Sapphire. Told to continue har- rassing fires. Also informed Sapphire that had checked with Fortune and found armor men- tioned in Item 94 above was friendly.	
2215		99	192215	Written Msg. CO CCA 14th Armd to CO's all CCA Units. G-2 of VI Corps reports that the en has captured a number of American tks in the bridge- head area. He may use them with either German or American markings. All personnel will be warned of the possible use by the en of American tk's.	
2220		100	192220	Tp. TF Wahl to S-3. Told situation was such that Bingo White could be taken off alert to move frwd to prepared positions.	
2238		101	192238	Rad (Intercept) Capt Potts to 2nd Bn rear: "Have received two (2) reports of en traffic moving from S to E. No number.	
2240		102	192240	Tp. 2nd Bn to S-2. Info in Item 101 above.	
		103		Notes from meeting at CCA CP at 192110 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		104		S-3 Report No 197 issued by 315th Inf on 19 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
2300		105	192300	Tp. 1st Bn to DO. Neg rept.	
2332		106	192332	Tp. 2nd Bn to DO. White supply train reached Hatten okay.	

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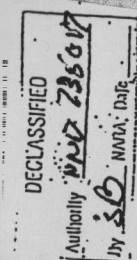
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0030		1	200030	Tp. S-3, 3rd Bn to DO. More than ordinary veh. traffic to N and E earlier in the evening. At 2250 mortars from "L" Co. plus 81mm and arty KO'd two (2) Ey vehs. vic. of church, both burned, one (1) exploded. OP's report groaning of men and much confusion.	
0050		2	200050	Tp. CCA, 14th Armd to DO. The following report recd from CCR at 0035: Activity increasing in his town. Ey patrols active and aggressive. Veh. activity, two (2) Tks heard, one (1) from E and SE.	
0055		3	200055	Tp. 3rd Bn to DO, 3rd Bn reports sound of activity in 2nd Bn sector.	
0100		4	200100	Tp. 1st Bn to DO. Neg rept.	
	0105	5	200105	Tp. DO to TF Wahl. Given report of 3rd Bn. that track vehs. probably Tks maneuvering S of Rittershoffen.	
0200		6	200200	Rad Intercept fr Station 6 A. Stuff will be there for Dolls men.	
0200		7	200200	Tp. 3rd Bn to DO. Neg rept.	
0300		8	200300	Tp. 3rd Bn to DO. Neg rept.	
0300		9	200300	Tp. 28 Rad to DO. Neg rept.	
0301		10	200301	Tp. 1st Bn to DO. "C" Co reports few arty rnds in their sector.	
0300		11	200300	Tp. Forage to DO. Lt. Fulton of Forage says white phosphorous may now be used in Hatten.	



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0400		12	200400	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, Neg rept except for some S/A fire.	
0400		13	200400	Tp, 28 Rad to DO, Neg rept.	
0400		14	200400	Tp, 1st Bn to DO, Neg rept.	
0500		15	200500	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, Both OP's rptd tks moving around back of church. Firing arty on them.	
				Neg.	
		16		S-2 Report No 136 issued by 315th Inf on 19 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
0700		17	200700	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, Some tk activity around church. Otherwise all quiet.	
0700		18	200700	Tp, 28 Rad to DO, Neg rept.	
0714		19	200714	Tp, 1st Bn to DO, Neg rept.	
0800		20	200800	Tp, TF Wahl to S-2, Two (2) PW's taken at coords 170325 by 242nd Inf.	
0600		21	200600	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, Neg rept. Intermittent arty.	
0800		22	200800	CO to CO 68 AIB by Lno, Instructions to CO 68 AIB to use vigorous patrols to determine if frwd progress can be made in Rittershoffen and take positive action to assure prompt aggressive action in event frwd movement is possible.	
0820		23	200820	Msg in Item 22 above "rogered" by CO 68 AIB. Situation in Rittershoffen very quiet.	
0850		24	200850	Tp, Beaver to S-2, Situation in South: Sessen-	

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		24	(Continued)	heim in en hands. Half of Drusenheim also en held and 2nd Bn of Bigwig cut off there. En atkd last night before dark with two (2) Bns of Inf plus tnks. Heavy fighting still going on.	
0857		25	200857	Tp. S-3 to Bingo White. Have CO or SX report to Bismarck CP immediately.	
0857		26	200857	Rad. S-3 to Bismarck Red. Have CO report to CP immediately.	
		27		Overlay showing 4-2 fires for 18 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		28		Daily Bulletin No 12 issued by 904th FA Bn on 18 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
0915		29	200915	Tp. 1st Bn line is out.	
0916		30	200916	White line is out.	
0917		31	200917	CO 315 left Regtl CP for CCR CP.	
0927		32	200927	CO 315 returned to Regtl CP.	
0947		33	200947	Tp. 2nd Bn to S-2. Lt Keithley says that "G" Co outpost by the stockade reports civilians coming from Rittershoffen to Hatten. Says about twenty (20) there now, mostly women, children and old men. Keithley says he believes Germans chasing them out.	
0953		34	200953	CO 315 and S-3 left Regtl CP for TF Wahl.	
1000		35	201000	Tp. Forage 6 to SX 315. Forage 6 would like to talk to Bismarck 6 in about 1 1/2 hrs about job to be done.	

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1020		36	201020	Tp. 28 Rad to S-2. Neg rept.	
1015		37	201015	CO 242nd Inf arrived at Regtl CP.	
1041		38	201041	CO 242nd Inf left Regtl CP.	
1100		39	201100	Tp. Blue 5 to SX 315. All quiet except for little activity in bldg back of church. Put 81 and 4.2 fire on it. Sent patrol to orchard. No report from it yet.	
1110		40	201110	Tp. Rad monitor reports neg.	
1120		41	201120	CO CCA visited Regtl CP.	
1115		42	201115	Tp. S-2 to TF Wahl (G-2). En maintains alert attitude. Slight decrease of mortar fire in Rittershoffen. Arty still hvy. Mortar and arty about same in Hatten. No atks yet this morning. Twenty (20) civs have come out of Rittershoffen and gone into Hatten. Three (3) PW's all armed with burpguns taken by 242nd said that yesterday's arty was the heaviest they have ever been under. Regarding Big Picture, said they could not understand why Germans continue to pour men into this sector when they are suffering so many casualties.	
1130		43	201130	CO CCA left Regtl CP.	
1144		44	201144	CO 315 and S-3 returned to Regtl CP.	
		45		S-3 Periodic Report No 19 issued by CCA 14th Armd on 20 Jan '45. See exhibit.	

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		46		Operations Instructions #27 issued by CO, CCA, 14th Armd on 19 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
1212		47	201212	Tp, Forage 2 to S-2, Mag from Fortune: PW from 2nd Co, 35th Pz Gr, states one (1) Bn of 35th Pz Gr dug in along rd and RR S of Hatten. Paratroopers have suffered heavy losses. Bn has 40 men left. Paratroopers told PW that Paratroopers to be relieved last night in Hatten and Rittershoffen by an entire SS Div.	
1205		48	201205	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-2, "L" Co patrol went out beyond church. Accomplished mission. Saw nothing. On way back drew S/A fire and two men were hit. Fire came from S part of town.	
1218		49	201218	Tp, 2nd Bn to S-2, Request no fire on Con 162 until 1330.	
1200		50	201200	Tp, TF Wahl to S-3, Contemplated bombing of Ey Bn. CP (183336) sometime during the day. Request recommendation from CO on Feasibility of plan.	
	1210	51	201210	Tp, S-3 to TF Wahl, Disapprove of bombing plan and recommend that it not be accomplished.	
1210		52	201210	Tp, CO, 3rd Bn to S-3, Col. Eason wants Tks to go into position today, from RR station S of Rittershoffen to RJ at 15703325. This is to prevent Germans from coming in from S of town and cutting his supply.	

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1250		53	201250	Tp. 6th FA Grp to S-3. Report of air obsr. One (1) Tk at 162338 and 100 yds E of 162338 veh. not moving. Vehs. 165340, 161343 and 15953420. Several veh. N edge of rd. no movement. Tk KO'd in front of church in Rittershoffen. 181325, 193325 two (2) vehs. at ea. coords. No activity in Hatten betn 1100 and 1200.	
1355		54	201355	P. General Smith 14th Armd visitor in the Regt'1 area. Left - 1410.	
1355		55	201355	Tp. 1st Bn to S-3. "C" Co. reports unit to left receiving hvy arty fire and smoke is being placed 400 yds to front. Notified TF Wahl.	
		56		Report of Capt. Fogarty Ln-O to XV Corps, Hq. 79th Div.. 18 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		57		G-2 Periodic Report, Hq. VI Corps, 17 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		58		G-2 Periodic Report, 17 Jan. 45., Hq. 79th Div. (see exhibit)	
		59		G-2 Periodic Report, 18 Jan. 45., Hq. 79th Div. (see exhibit)	
		60		Technical Intelligence Bulletin (Enemy Weapons and Equipment), SHAEF, 9 Jan. 45. (see exb)	
	1355	61	201355	Tp. S-3 to S-3, 3rd Bn.. No change to be made in Disposition of Tks to S of Rittershoffen.	
1430		62	201430	Tp. 1st Bn to S-3. Situation quiet to left of "C" Co. No arty and smoke at present. Notified TF Wahl.	

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1430		63	201430	Tp, 68th AIB to S-3, Sending out patrol to N of position now to destroy AT gun and capt PW's if possible. TF Wahl notified.	
1515		64	201515	Tp, SX, 2nd Bn to S-3, Some flat traj fire received in Hatten from the W.	
1610		65	201610	Bismarck Green line is out.	
1627		66	201627	Tp, 68 AIB to S-3, Patrol knocked out AT gun.	
1655		67	201655	Tp, CO AT Co to S-3 (Sgt Wyatt), Reports veh KO'd and under S/A fire. Can't get to it. Asked permission to burn it by throwing grenades at it. (Referred to Col Eason.)	
1745		68	201745	S-3 sent fifteen (15) trucks to 2nd Bn, 313th.	
		69		FO No 49 issued by CT-5 on 20 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
		70		Overlay to accompany FO #49 issued by CT-5 on 20 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
1842		71	201842	Tp, Switchboard to S-3, Forage is pulling switch board. Leaving telephone in.	
1815		72	201815	Written Msg, CO Rcn Trp from 2nd Pl Lias 222 Regt, Three (3) Co's of reserve Bn have moved out. Situation okay.	
		73		S-3 Report issued by 69th Armd FA Bn on 9 Jan '45. See exhibit.	
1900		74	201900	Tp, 2nd Bn 313th to S-3, Notifies they have all fifteen (15) of our trucks.	
1942		75	201942	Tp, 1st Bn to S-2, Reports all quiet.	

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1945		76	201945	Tp, White Bn to S-3, CP calling for normal barrage E part of Hatten. En vehs moving.	
2010		77	202010	Tp, 1st Bn to S-2, 1st Bn. repts considerable burp gun fire in Rittershoffen.	
2010		78	202010	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-2, 3rd Bn. repts considerable burp gun fire in 68th AIB sector, also voices, activity and movement of Tks vic. of church.	
2020		79	202020	Tp, CCR, 14th Armd to S-3, "G" and "E" have passed RW S of Rittershoffen on withdrawal. "A" and "C" of the Armd Inf. also have cleared. Some activity of personnel and vehs. on E end of Hatten, otherwise quiet.	
	2020	80	202020	Tp, S-2 to Cn. Co., Fire fox 6 and 11, 2 rnds harassing fire.	
2020		81	202020	Rad (Intercept) fr CO, "L" Co., believe burp gun fire caused by move of 68th AIB.	
2050		82	202050	P, CP Guard to S-2, Repts two (2) star shells over CP area.	
2100		83	202100	Tp, 1st Bn to S-2, neg rept.	
2120		84	202120	Tp, CO, 2nd Bn., 313th Inf. to S-3, 2nd Bn., 313th Inf. closing out of area.	
2250		85	202250	P, CP Guard repts white star flare over area.	
2250		86	202250	Tp, 310th FA to S-3, Repts white star flare to the NE.	
2130		87	202130	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-3, Screen pulling now. Ordered to remain in place. When it developed they were already out, ordered to go back in and hold until 0300.	

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		87	(continued)	Arty fire harassing fire to assist in returning to post.	
2200		88	202200	68th AIB screen also pulled out. Lt. Luvie ordered to return to Rittershoffen to carry out original orders and stay in position until 210300 Jan.	
	2210	88	202210	Tp. S-3 to CO, 48th Tk Bn., Request rad. msg. to CO, 68th AIB to comply with order as issued in written form by Ln-0 Post to hold screen consisting of one (1) Plat. with auto wpns and Tks in Rittershoffen until 210300 Jan.	
2215		89	202215	Tp. 48th Tk Bn to S-3, Msg. rogered by Tks with Eason. Think others have already pulled out. Requested that contact other Tks and order to return. Will notify Regt. result of order.	
	2215	90	202215	Ln-0 sent out to catch and turn Tks if possible.	
	2200	91	202200	Switchboard, All lines to the rear out.	
2215		92	202215	Remaining trks reptd to CP. Sent to the 3rd Bn.	
2215		93	202215	Tp. 2nd Bn to S-3, 2nd Bn. reptd trps were all clear and entrucking, prep. to move out. Will notify when cleared.	
2245		94	202245	3rd Bn. units less screen are entrucking. Will notify when cleared.	
2300		95	202300	Tp. 1st Bn to S-3, neg rept.	
2310		96	202310	Rad. SCR 300 contact established with 3rd Bn.	

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2315		97	202315	P, Ln-0 (Lt. Pelkey) to S-3, Ln-0 Pelkey returned from 68th AIB, delivering msg. that order for screen to remain in Rittershoffen. Said all that was in there was a patrol with two (2) Med. in town trying to evacuate a wounded man. Ln-0 sent to 68th AIB again to re-issue instructions - The screen would remain until 210300 Jan.	
2320		98	202320	P, Maj. Miller to S-3, 2nd Bn. cleared Oberbetschdorf. TD Plat. Ldr. repta Regt'l CP, sent to 1st Bn. CP.	
		99		S-2 Report No. 157, Hq. 315th Inf., 20 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
		100		S-3 Report No. 198, Hq. 315th Inf., 20 Jan. 45. (see exhibit)	
	2400	101	202400	Msg. C., S-2 to All Units, Password as follows: 211200 to 221200, Spax - Souvenir, 221200 to 231200, Limousine - Constantin.	

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IN	Out	Number			
0002		1	210002	Tp, 48th Tk Bn to S-3, 48th Tk Bn. request about 30 Inf. for security of light Tk Co. be left with Co. "D", 48th Tk Bn. S of Surbourg. Men will be returned to unit afternoon of 21 Jan. 1st Bn ordered to furnish men and contact Maj. England for location and coordination of details.	
0013		2	210013	Tp, Maj. England to S-3, Three (3) Tks back in Rittershoffen (north end).	
0022		3	210022	3rd Bn. (less shell) cleared Oberbetschdorf. TF Wahl notified.	
0023		4	210023	Tp, 1st Bn to S-3, Neg rept on Ey activity.	
0030		5	210030	Tp, 3rd Bn to S-3, All quiet in Rittershoffen.	
0102		6	210102	Tp, 1st Bn to S-3, Neg rept.	
0115		7	210115	Tp, S-3, CCA, 14th Armd to S-3, Inquired concerning our situation. Notified no Ey activity..	
0140		8	210140	Motor Officer to DO, 2nd Bn cleared Surbourg at 0055, 3rd Bn is passing through now (0140).	
0155		9	210155	Tp, S-3 CCA to CO 315, Request info asto what instructions "Fool" has about clearing. Was given info by CO 315.	
0200		10	210200	Tp, 3rd Bn to DO, Neg report on en activity. Gave plan for leaving Rittershoffen. IP at CP location. Foot trps pass at 0240, TD's at 0250, tks at 0300, & mortars at 0305.	

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0230		11	200230	P. Lno from 48th Tk Bn. Brought copy of order and overlay from CCA.	
0300		12	210300	3rd Bn CP closing as of 0300.	
0255		13	210255	DO TF Wahl to DO 315. Call regarding situation Reported all negative.	
0350		14	210350	CO 68th AIB reported his unit cleared Rittershoffen at 0320. Notified TF Wahl. Notified CCA.	
0355		15	210355	On Co line closing out. Notified TF Wahl.	
0415		16	210415	CO 3rd Bn reports 3rd Bn cleared at 0415.	
		17		(Summary of operation written by Maj Schriewer --At 0500 21 Jan '45, after almost twelve (12) days, the greatest battle of the veteran 315th Inf in World War II ended. The end, though welcome, was distateful to those men who, despite continuous and heavy pressure from an Ey superior in numbers, stayed and held Hitler's best to a limited penetration instead of the much desired breakthrough. The withdrawal was definitely not a defeat to those who at times held on through sheer "guts" alone. Instead it was these same men, now withdrawing, who had administered defeat after defeat on an Ey using the latest and best equipment. But C'est la Guerre, military necessity required that the withdrawal be made. Particularly distateful was the fact	

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		17	(Continued)	that the springboard for the atk wasthe ground these same men had so recently taken after hard fighting. This ground too had been given up due to Ey pressure in other sectors. Only those veterans of Cassino, Stalingrad, Rittershoffen and Hatten can understand the clashing of two giants in see-saw street fighting and the stress and strain on human endurance involved. No small credit for the success is due the 310th FA Bn, whose alertness, speed in answering calls for fire, and repeated procurement of hvy fires from reinforcing arty Bns, helped much in warding off the attacking "Supermen". Credit, too, goes to those TD's who stayed with our men on defense and to those elms of the 14th Armd Div who fought side by side with our men in defense and in ctr atk. The 21st Pz Div, 25th Pz Gr, and the 20th Para Regt, all among Hitler's best, will long remember the days they made their very costly and unsuccessful lunges atthe 315th and their efficient supporters. (By Maj Schriewer.)	
0445		18	210445	Fwd CP established at Hochstett (958199)	
0600		19	210600	P, 3rd Bn to S-2, Reports Bn (-) shell & CO closed in Hochstett at 0500. Also reports arty unit has taken some of their bldgs.	

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